



MP says tragedy highlights rough sleeper crisis

# HOMELESS MAN DIES IN STREET

Report by Peter Madeley

**AN INVESTIGATION is under way after a homeless man was found dead in a Dudley residential street.**

The man, known locally as Steve, was found at a derelict plot on Priory Road, Dudley, where the old Duncan Edwards pub used to stand.

Residents said he had been sleeping rough there in a tent for several weeks. Dudley Council's homeless team said they had been trying to help him by giving him food and offering a place to stay. The authority is investigating the cause of death.

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, said: "It is not yet clear exactly what happened to Steve, but it's a scandal homeless people are dying on the streets in Britain today. People had contacted me about Steve and I had talked to Dudley's homelessness team to make sure he was getting help.

"I think they are working hard to help people, but it is not just a question of emergency accommodation because council and NHS cuts have hit the support and help available.

"Benefit changes like housing benefit cuts and sanctions have made it all much worse. The number of people sleeping rough has soared – not just in major cities but even in places like Dudley.

## Policy

"The Government's policy is to halve it in five years and deal with it by 2027, which I think most people will think is hopeless when people like Steve are sleeping rough on the streets," added the Labour MP.

Councillor Laura Taylor, cabinet member for housing, said: "Tragically, we can confirm a man who had been sleeping in a tent on the Priory estate was found dead by two Police Community Support Officers on January 21.

"Investigations are still ongoing to determine the cause of death. The man was known to us as a rough sleeper and our officers had been out to visit him several times to offer assistance and shelter."

Home Office figures show the number of people sleeping rough on Britain's streets has rocketed by 73 per cent in three years. In the Black Country the number has tripled since 2011.

## CYRILLE AT THE HAWTHORNS FOR THE LAST TIME



Hundreds gathered outside The Hawthorns to pay their respects as the hearse visited the ground, inset, Cyrille Regis

HUNDREDS of football fans gathered at The Hawthorns and lined roads leading to the ground to say their final farewell to football hero Cyrille Regis when his funeral was held on Tuesday.

The pioneering footballer, who played for Albion, Villa and Wolves while paving the way for a generation of black footballers, was celebrated at The Hawthorns with a public service.

Players and officials lined up to applaud the well-respected footballer when the hearse arrived at The Hawthorns as fans gathered to pay their respects to a Black Country football hero.

Following a private family funeral in the morning, the celebration of his life with 1,800 people in the East Stand was including tributes from those closest to the him from the world of sport and entertainment. Beverley

Knight was to sing at the service with tributes being given by his former team mate Brendon Batson, his widow Julia and his nephew former Albion footballer Jason Roberts.

Instead of flowers the family asked well-wishers to donate to three charities close to Cyrille's heart, The Jason Roberts Foundation, Water Aid and Christians in Sport.

Cyrille died on January 14 from a suspected heart attack at the age of 59.

## BUSINESS

### Shop fitting firm to lay off 50 staff

ONE of Dudley's biggest firms is set to lay off more than 50 staff after a series of major financial losses.

The Alan Nuttall Partnership in Hall Street, which specialises in shop fittings and displays, said the move followed consecutive years of poor performance, which it puts down to 'indecision from key customers'.

A letter to staff from HR manager Sue Judge says the company is proposing 52 redundancies 'because of the sizeable losses incurred during the 2016 and 2017 financial years'.

## ANNIVERSARY

### Silence for victims of Munich air crash

A MINUTE'S silence is to be observed at Manchester United's home Premier League match against Huddersfield on Saturday in memory of Dudley footballer Duncan Edwards and other victims of the Munich Air Disaster.

Fans will pay their respects outside the ground from 1.30pm with readings and prayer at the Munich plaque. A ceremony is also to be held inside Old Trafford on Tuesday afternoon to mark the 60th anniversary.

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## POLICE

### Man charged with murdering partner

A MAN has been charged with murdering his partner in Netherton.

Police have named the woman who died after being found with serious injuries at a house on Cinder Bank on Wednesday, January 24, as Claire Harris.

Ricardo Wilson, aged 50, of Cinder Bank, was appearing in court on Tuesday, January 30, charged with murder.

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# Ministerial role is a 'great opportunity'



Margot James MP

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has described her new ministerial role as a great opportunity – as she laughed off suggestions she could be set for a major cabinet position in the future.

Ms James was made digital minister as part of Theresa May's reshuffle last month and will work directly under Culture Secretary Matt Hancock.

The MP has been tipped as a rising star in the Conservative Party and was rewarded by the Prime Minister with the new role.

Ms James said: "I am very excited. There is a range of areas I am respon-

sible for which are very important for the future economy in so many ways, including broadcasting, the BBC, digital, film and the tech industry."

Asked about her future prospects, the 60-year-old joked: "It's a great opportunity at my old age. I've got a great job and it's the great opportunity that's important to me, not where I am in the party."

Ms James steps into the new brief at a challenging time for the Government, which continues to face pressure over Brexit negotiations and reports of Cabinet unrest.

Reports emerged last week ahead of a Cabinet meeting that Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson was to demand more money for the NHS, prompting criticism from several ministers who insisted top-level Government discussions should remain private.

The MP said Mrs May was 'resilient' and believes she will not have been overly concerned by the leak. Ms James said: "I take it with a pinch of salt. People are always interested in political intrigue. I know the Prime Minister is resilient, has a huge sense of duty and purpose and is not ruffled."

# Man who 'just flipped' and attacked ex jailed

**A MAN who repeatedly stabbed his ex-partner as she gave him a lift has been jailed for more than 10 years.**

A court order banning 56-year-old Ralph Foster from contacting Shanoya Watson – imposed after he punched her in the face – ran out just months before the attack, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Other motorists watched in horror as the Citroen C2 with Miss Watson at the wheel veered into the path of oncoming traffic before swerving back. It careered into the kerb on Dudley Road, Himley, as the defendant launched an attack on the Russells Hall Hospital nurse with a kitchen knife. She told paramedics: "He just flipped."

Motorist Shaun Simms, travelling behind the Citroen on July 16, told the jury:

"I heard a lady screaming. She was shouting 'Save me, save me, he's trying to kill me'." Mr Simms took a metal bar from his car to protect himself and the woman. He tried to reason with Foster, who ignored him. This distracted Foster long enough for Miss Watson to grab the knife

and hurl it out of the window. Foster leapt into the driver's seat and sped away down Dudley Road. Around 300 yards later the father-of-two deliberately crashed into a Nissan Juke.

Miss Watson had two cuts to her scalp that needed 19 stitches and other injuries.

Each claimed the other first drew the knife. His barrister, Mr Will Rose, said: "Then, in the heat of the moment, he did a terrible thing."

Foster, of Bayswater Road, Dudley, admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He was acquitted of attempted murder but found guilty of aggravated vehicle taking.

He was jailed for 10 years three months and banned from driving for seven years.



Ralph Foster

## Fond farewell to zoo's friendly lion



He was king of Castle Hill but Dudley Zoo's magnificent lion Jetpur has died at the age of 14

DUDLEY Zoo's male lion Jetpur has died aged 14, the venue has announced.

The Asiatic lion – who was born at the zoo in July 2003 – died in his sleep overnight on Sunday.

Jetpur was born at the zoo to parents Max and Gir in 2003, Jetpur moved to Mulhouse Zoological and Botanical Park in France in 2005

as part of a European conservation programme. He returned home to the Black Country a decade later in October 2015 to join the zoo's two lioness sisters, Kyra and Asha, in the one-acre Lion Ridge.

Curator Richard Brown said: "Jetpur was a very placid lion and was a popular cat with his keepers. "However his legacy will live on,

as he sired eight cubs during his time in France, who went on to start families of their own in collections around Europe. His offspring have gone on to have a total of 16 cubs and he was also a great-grandfather to a further four."

The zoo is awaiting a full veterinary report to establish cause of death.

# Driver, 18, challenges ban and gets a reduction

A YOUNG motorist who was banned from the road for five years and five months after leading police on a dangerous chase has had his driving ban reduced after arguing that a long ban would harm his rehabilitation.

Nathan Luke Cook, aged 18, of Lawley Street, Dudley, sped off in a Peugeot 106 after police spotted him driving while uninsured through Wolverhampton.

He repeatedly broke the speed limit, went through red lights, overtook without indicating and drove on the wrong side of the road.

Eventually, he abandoned the car in Interclyde Drive, Parkfields, during the August incident and was later arrested by police.

Cook admitted dangerous driving, driving while uninsured and driving without a licence. He was jailed for 10 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court in October.

Cook was also originally banned from driving for five years and five months but has now had two years slashed from his disqualification by senior judges.

## Chances

His legal team had argued the original ban was so long it could actually harm his chances of rehabilitating after his sentence.

Mr Justice Jeremy Baker agreed and cut the length of the ban, saying: "This aspect of the sentence was manifestly excessive and should be reduced."

The court heard Cook claimed he panicked when he realised the officers had spotted him driving because he did not have a licence.

He had then driven dangerously, including past a children's play area, while his female passenger begged him to stop.

After driving into a dead end, he abandoned the still moving car and ran off.

His passenger was rescued from the vehicle, which went down an embankment.

Mr Justice Baker, sitting at the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Warby, said Cook had put the public, his passenger and himself in danger.

"He drove in a dangerous way for a long period, presenting a serious danger and terrifying his passenger," he said.

"The sentencing judge was entitled to take the view that this young man was a danger to the public through driving."

# From salon to cafe

PLANS have been drawn up to launch a new cafe in Lye's High Street.

A planning application from applicant Donna Woodward-Smith has been submitted to Dudley Council planners to turn a hair salon into a cafe at 38 High Street.

The scheme will be discussed by planning bosses at a forthcoming meeting.

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## 100th crime sees burglar sent back behind bars

A 'career criminal' from Stourbridge is back behind bars after committing his 100th offence.

Ian Taylor and an unknown accomplice slipped into a house in Bradley Road, Stourbridge, while its occupants slept during the early hours of February 9 last year, possibly via an open kitchen window.

Wolverhampton Crown court was told the pair moved a CCTV camera with a line prop to evade being caught on camera but did not spot other cameras. The footage of them at the property led to the capture of the prolific thief, who stolen from the house £20 worth of alcohol, £10 cash and a purse containing credit cards.

Mr Duncan Craig, prosecuting, said that when police reviewed the CCTV footage an officer who had known Taylor for 20 years recognised the offender, even though the defendant's face was covered. The other burglar has not been traced.

Taylor had a total of 39 previous convictions involving 99 offences, including 15 burglaries.

The court heard that he had been dogged by a heroin habit for much of his life.

Mr Richard Davenport, representing the 39-year-old repeat offender, revealed that Taylor's partner was pregnant with their first child and said he had started treatment in an attempt to give up drugs.

Taylor, of Milton Close, Amblecote, admitted burglary and was jailed for 32 months.

## MP backs Lucy's Law for puppies

AN MP has urged the Government to impose an immediate ban on the sale of puppies by pet shops and other third party commercial breeders.

Ian Austin has backed Lucy's Law, which seeks to tackle irresponsible dog breeding practices and ensure dogs are only available from licensed, regulated breeders or approved re-homing organisations.

The law will help to protect dogs and puppies by making breeders more accountable, and ensuring buyers are shown puppies interacting with their mothers before sale.

Mr Austin, MP for Dudley North, said: "Every year I hear terrible stories of dogs and puppies being treated cruelly and inhumanely for trade.

"I want the Government to crack down on the practices which leads to the unfair treatment of animals."

The Labour MP added: "I'll be backing Lucy's Law and I hope to see a ban on pet shops and commercial dealers irresponsibly selling puppies."

# Make or break meeting on Hippodrome



Dudley Hippodrome – landmark

THE fate of Dudley Hippodrome could be decided in February when council bosses are due to decide if the campaign to save the former theatre has met their requirements.

Campaigners battling to bring the Castle Hill landmark back to the life under the name Black Country Hippodrome, after being given the keys in December 2016 on a five year lease, will have to convince senior Dudley councillors at a cabinet meeting that they have met a set of aims laid out at the start of the project.

Dudley Council leader Patrick Har-

ley said: "A decision will be made at that meeting. The future of the hippodrome project will be decided there. If they have satisfied the criteria then they can proceed with the project but, if not, then we will have to make decisions."

Black Country Hippodrome Ltd embarked on an ambitious scheme to bring the venue, which once featured such star names as Laurel and Hardy, back as a community resource and theatre. Gordon Downing, one of the directors of the group, believes they have met all but one of the aims. But they

have not been able to clear out the inside of the building because the Health and Safety Executive ruled they could not enter without the correct protection over asbestos fears.

Mr Downing said: "We got a ridiculous situation, where the Health and Safety Executive came to inspect the asbestos but said it was too dangerous to go in."

The previous council administration had planned to level the former bingo hall and make it a public space. More recently Dudley College has shown interest in the site.

# Borough's secondary schools are progressing

**DUDLEY'S secondary schools were second best in the Black Country and Staffordshire for pupil progress, official figures show.**

The borough was 98th in the country out of 152 local authorities.

Progress 8 scores show how well a school is serving its pupils by looking at where these young people started and where they ended up.

In Dudley borough Old Swinford Hospital School in Stourbridge was the top performing school, with a sky high progress 8 measure of 0.77. The school also saw 80 per cent of 81 pupils who took GCSE exams achieve the benchmark grades, while its attainment 8 score – which measures results across pupils' best eight subjects – was also the borough's highest at an average of 62.5.

Other top performers included Windsor High School in Halesowen, The Earls High School in Dudley, Redhill School in Stourbridge and Dudley's Bishop Milner School.

### Quit

Dudley also featured one school that was considered 'underperforming' by Department for Education ratings. The Holly Hall Academy in Dudley had a progress 8 score of -0.58, with an average Attainment 8 score of 37.9. Less than a quarter of 140 pupils who took GCSE exams achieved grade 9-5 in both English and maths. The school was rocked at the start of this term when principal Rob Hatch quit.

The worst ranked school in Dudley was The Coseley School, which closed last summer. Its final results showed a progress 8 score of -0.73, with just 16 per cent of 80 pupils taking GCSE exams achieving grade 9-5 in both English and maths GCSEs.

Secondary schools in Sandwell continued to struggle. The authority was ranked 124th out of 152 on the progress 8 measure. But Shireland Collegiate Academy in Smethwick maintained its position at the top in Sandwell with a performance that moved the school into the country's top 12 per cent on the progress 8 measure. In best performing Wolverhampton the top school ranked by attainment 8 was Wolverhampton Girls' High School.

## Duncan tribute will go to Munich



Rose Cook-Monk, a board member of the Duncan Edwards Foundation, signs the book of remembrance

PEOPLE from all over the country have signed a book of remembrance in honour of football legend Duncan Edwards.

The book – Dudley's Tribute To Duncan – is being taken to Munich, the scene of the air disaster that caused the England and Manchester United player's

death. It will be handed over as part of a commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the disaster in Germany.

The accident on February 6, 1958, claimed the lives of seven other members of the famous Busby Babes team, along with club officials, fans, journalists and

air crew. Duncan died from his injuries aged just 21.

The book will be taken to by Rose Cook-Monk and Andy Monk, of the Duncan Edwards Foundation. They will visit two nurses who looked after Duncan and attend the opening of a memorial garden at the now disused airfield.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Old ironworks to get £80k revamp

AN historic former ironworks will be become a healthcare training and heritage centre under plans given approval by Dudley Council.

Riverside House, beside the canal towpath in Stourbridge, will undergo a makeover that is set to cost more than £80,000 and the plans to convert the derelict building have been approved by Dudley Council.

It is said that the project, off Canal Street, is on a site of 'historical and national significance' and would be used as a heritage centre with a cafe, restaurant and craft shop selling local produce, in a wooded environment.

The Riverside Stourbridge Community Interest Company will also work alongside adults in health and social care to help them develop confidence and practical skills. The site is near the Bonded Warehouse in the town.

### Nursery at former motor showroom

A FORMER car showroom in Dudley will be converted into a day nursery.

Planners have given the green light for the development of the site in King Street.

A single-storey conservatory extension will be constructed and an external play area created to the side of the building using part of an existing parking area. The play area will be secured by two-metre high fence.

Visitor parking for nine vehicles will be made available with access from Abberley Street. Staff parking will be on the upper car park, off King Street, with a further 10 spaces provided.

### Lobbed brick hits roof of police car

YOBS just missed the windscreen of a police car by inches when they hurled a house brick from a bridge over a main road.

Police described the act, on January 23 near Dudley Port railway station, as 'disgusting'.

The brick hit the roof of the vehicle. West Midlands Police said officers were heading to help a vulnerable elderly woman at the time of the incident last Tuesday night.

### Camera club show aims to be picture perfect

DUDLEY Camera Club's annual photographic exhibition is being staged in Dudley Archives and Local History Centre.

The photographic exhibition at the centre in Tipton Road runs until February 10.

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# COUNTY NEWS

## Flu vaccine for Australian strain

HEALTH experts have insisted it is not too late to get vaccinated against Aussie flu, amid a rise in UK cases.

Dr Helen Hibbs, from the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group, said the jab had proved effective against the strain of flu – and said people should take measures to protect themselves. Aussie flu has made headlines in recent weeks following reports of cases across the country.

Dr Hibbs said: “This particularly nasty strain of flu shows just how severe flu can be. The good news is that the flu vaccine is effective against the Australian flu and it is still not too late for people to get protected.”

## University signs up for project

A MIDLANDS university has signed up to a Government initiative aimed at getting young people from poorer backgrounds into higher education.

Newman University in Birmingham is part of the National Collaborative Outreach Project (NCOP), which is tasked with increasing numbers at university from disadvantaged families.

The university has a dedicated NCOP team who work with schools and colleges in the area.

Former Newman student Lewis Hickman, from Bartley Green, returned to the university to work on the project.

## Mecca marking Macarena's 25th

BINGO lovers are being called on to pull their best 90s dance moves.

Bilston's Mecca is looking for people to flaunt their moves to throwback hit Macarena for the chance to grab a £1,000 holiday. It comes as the bingo hall, based at Spring Vale Retail Park, celebrates 25 years of Los Del Rio's one-hit wonder.

Dance videos need to be uploaded to the Bilston branch's Facebook on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 01902 405065.

## Medical use for historic building is approved

PLANS have been approved to turn a Grade II-listed building in Stourbridge into a neurological medical centre.

Four rooms are being converted for medical usage, previously offices, at the 18th-century Sandford House in Lower High Street. A consultation was launched with neighbouring properties and no objections received. Dudley Council granted the application on January 16.

# After latest cases, grieving father says ‘enough is enough’



Campaign – MP Eddie Hughes



Victim – John Hickinbottom



Banned driver Craig Edwards



Cyclist death – Kade Scrivens



Rebecca McManus was killed

# Killer drivers ‘must face tougher action’

**‘WE have to go back to the drawing board’ – the father of a student killed by a speeding motorist has called for tougher sentences.**

Gez McManus's 21-year-old daughter Rebecca was waiting at a bus stop when Sukvinder Mannan, who was driving at 101mph, hit and killed her.

The fatal crash in Hagley Road West in Bearwood resulted in 34-year-old Mannan, from Halesowen, being jailed for eight years after admitting causing death by dangerous driving.

The sentence four years ago has been followed by several other death by dangerous driving convictions – none of which have resulted in the maximum 14-year sentence.

Last week Craig Edwards and Kade Scrivens were jailed for less than eight years each for killing behind the wheel.

## Roundabout

Edwards was driving at a speed almost twice the 30 mph limit when he hit grandfather John Hickinbottom in Walsall last June. He was also over the drink drive limit. The 29-year-old, of Cumberland Road, Walsall, received a seven-year jail sentence after admitting causing death by dangerous driving, failing to stop at the scene and drink driving.

Meanwhile Mr Hickinbottom's family who were in court to watch the proceedings, must attempt to move on without the 74-year-old, of Lilac Grove, Bentley. Granddaughter Jade told the court: “It felt like my world was falling apart without him.”

And on the same day of the sentencing, Scrivens, 24, of Booth Street, Handsworth, was given a seven-and-a-half year sentence for killing 59-year-old Nicholas Harrison. He was cycling



Gez McManus lost his daughter when she was hit by a speeding driver

on Midland Road in Darlaston when Scrivens lost control at a roundabout while speeding and hit him on the opposite side of the road on November 22.

Scrivens, who admitted causing death by dangerous driving, then fled the scene to sober up, according to Judge Simon Ward.

In a victim impact statement read out in court, Mr Harrison's brother, Christopher, 70, said his death ‘has affected me greatly’. The two cases have triggered a campaign by the Express & Star for tougher sentences on killer drivers. It has been supported Mr McManus, 54, of Balsall Common.

He is campaigning for killer drivers to be banned from the roads for life.

He also says judges should be stricter with their sentences and people

to drive safely. Eddie Hughes, Walsall North MP, says he will raise the issue in Parliament. He said: “People need to realise that when they are driving their car and are texting, speeding, drinking, that the vehicle has the potential to be a lethal weapon. Tougher sentences need to be put out to show that.”

Other sentences given out over the past two years for death by dangerous driving include uninsured driver Jake Nelson, who was given a suspended detention sentence after hitting 39-year-old Neil Perry as he crossed the road in West Bromwich last year.

Nelson, 19, of Hales Road in Wednesbury, was driving 57mph in a 30mph zone.

## Undercutting

Joseph Chance, 25, of Murcroft Road, Stourbridge, and Dylan Stringer, 24, Wychbury Road, Stourbridge, were jailed for eight and six years respectively after killing young mother Nadine Foster while racing at speeds of almost 80mph.

Former Dudley College student Miss Foster, 18, was a front seat passenger in a Ford Focus, driven by boyfriend Stringer, when it hit a wall in Hagley Road, Stourbridge. She died in hospital four days after last April's tragedy, leaving behind her then five-month-old son.

Hospital porter Joshua Harvey was jailed for two years after admitting causing the death of Sean Williams in Wolverhampton by careless driving.

The 23-year-old, of Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, was undercutting another car when the car he was driving at 48mph in a 30 zone in Lakefield Road, Wednesfield, hit the boy on December 29, just over a year ago.

Figures from the Department of Transport show 54 people died on the roads in the West Midlands in the 12 months up to October 27.

# Campaign launched for longer sentences



The anti-speeding campaign logo

TWO killer drivers who callously left their victims for dead have each been jailed for under eight years, prompting a campaign calling for action.

Banned driver Craig Edwards was locked up for seven years for killing grandfather John Hickinbottom. He lost control of his vehicle and mounted the pavement, knocking down the 74-year-old.

Speeding motorist Kade Scrivens was sentenced to seven and a half years for hitting cyclist Nicholas Harrison. Scrivens was speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Both sentences have been criticised by road safety campaigner Gez McManus and Walsall North MP Eddie Hughes, who is to raise the matter in Parliament. In the meantime the Chronicle's sister newspaper – the Express & Star – has set up a petition

Mr McManus, whose 21-year-old daughter Rebecca was killed by a speeding driver in Bearwood four years ago, said: “Enough is enough.”

“Something needs to change to stop people getting behind the wheel and driving so dangerously, causing misery to the families of the innocent people killed. If the sentences are not long enough, people will fail to take notice. We have to go back to the drawing board.” The two cases were heard before Wolverhampton Crown Court this week.

Meanwhile, launching the campaign, Express & Star editor, Keith Harrison said: “The crime of dangerous driving should be urgently addressed by our lawmakers.”

“While the death toll grows, time and time again we see people who are found guilty of this offence handed sentences that are pathetic.”

“Government legislation designed to tackle dangerous driving is slowly moving forward, although it is likely to be a while before anything meaningful enters the statute books.”

“We need action now. Today the Express & Star and Chronicle are calling on people to sign our petition.

Where is the justice for the victims and their families?”

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## Number claiming benefits goes up

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefits in the Dudley borough rose by 145 last month to 6,325 – 3.3 per cent of the working population.

For the Wyre Forest district, including Kidderminster, claimant numbers grew by 80 to 870 (1.5 per cent) with South Staffordshire rising by five to 815 (1.2 per cent).

The latest Office for National Statistics figures for the three months to November showed unemployment in the West Midlands rose by 6,000 to 155,000 from June to August. Nationally unemployment was down 160,000 on the year to 1.44 million.

## Donations call as museum to expand

AN appeal for donations towards a major expansion has been launched by The Black Country Living Museum.

A new 1940s-60s town is to be created at the Tipton Road attraction as part of a £21.7 million project.

Museum bosses hope to raise £150,000 through public donations and are also appealing for memories, photographs and objects of post-war Black Country to help keep the development as realistic as possible.

For more details, see [bcm.co.uk/forging-ahead.htm](http://bcm.co.uk/forging-ahead.htm)

## Council takes on new care director

DUDLEY Council has appointed its next strategic director for people.

Martin Samuels, the current director for adults and wellbeing at Herefordshire Council, joins in April.

As strategic director for people he will be key to delivering effective high quality services on a wide range of initiatives to support children, adults and communities.

He will oversee the transformation of children's and adults' services and work to develop even closer ties with partner organisations and community groups across the borough.

## Date set for food and wine festival

A DATE has been announced for the food and wine festival at Halfpenny Green Wine Estate at Bobbington.

The third annual event at the vineyard estate in Tom Lane will be held on June 9 from 10am to 4pm in the garden area and shop.

Cheeses, chocolates, beers, gins and preserves as well as also ice-cream stalls will feature at the free admission event and there will be live entertainment.

# Crackdown on nuisance bikers who ruin reserves

DUDLEY South MP Mike Wood has launched a campaign to crack down on motorbikes and quad bikes being ridden on nature reserves.

The Conservative MP says that green spaces are being terrorised by the riders. He is calling on Dudley Council to issue a Public Space Protection Order to safeguard Pens Pool and Barrow Hill reserves in Pensnett.

Mr Wood said: "Several local residents have told me that the bikes are causing a danger in and around the reserves, a nuisance to people living nearby and damage to the nature reserves themselves.

"I am pleased that the police have recognised the problem and have started to take action, but this widespread problem highlights the need for both the council and the police to make sure they are doing everything possible to put an end to this criminal activity. People need proper action to be taken to protect not only the nature reserves themselves but also the safety of all those using them."

The order gives councils broad powers to tackle anti-social activities in a specified area.

Brierley Hill Police say they have confiscated two off-road motorbikes locally in the past fortnight.

Mr Wood has also written to police chiefs to raise concerns and has called on them to step up action against the illegal bikes.

## Three accused to face murder trial

THREE men charged with the murder of 24-year-old Jaskaran Kang are not expected to enter their plea for two months, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The victim was found fatally stabbed at a flat above a convenience store in Stourbridge Road, Dudley, during the early hours of January 6.

Reggie Salmon, aged 20 from Stourbridge Road, Dudley, and a 17-year-old youth from Newcastle-under-Lyme, who cannot be identified, have been remanded in custody.

Dontay Ellis, 18, from Central Drive, Lower Gornal was remanded by Judge John Wait at the same court. All three are next due to appear on March 16. A trial has been fixed to start on July 16.

## Road to be closed

A ROAD in Stourbridge will be closed to traffic until April 21 to allow for a rail bridge to be repaired. Network Rail say work in Parkfield Road is for 'the replacement of bridge deck carrying Parkfield Road over rail line'.

# Lottery funds repairs at listed church



Landmark – St John's at Brockmoor

A LANDMARK church has received a grant of more than £175,000 for a vital revamp of the building.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has given a grant of £176,100 to Grade II listed St John's Church in Brockmoor, Brierley Hill, for much-needed repairs and improvements, after the church was placed on the English Heritage Places of Worship Heritage at Risk register.

Work can now go ahead to repair the roof, brickwork and stonework of the church, also to upgrade facilities including the kitchen and access.

Vicar of St John's Rev Simon Archer said: "Everyone here is delighted with the wonderful news that the Heritage Lottery Fund is supporting this essential work. Thanks to National Lottery players we can now restore the parts of the building that have caused problems with damp.

"We will be able to preserve this building for future generations and enable more people to learn more about its history in the community and its distinctive architecture."

Church bosses said the repair and conservation project will 'enable

high-level repairs and waterproofing needed to the roof and brickwork, particularly to the east end'.

St John's is described as 'a focal point for the community' and is used by groups including the Little Badgers toddler group, Messy Church and youth club, as well as hosting concerts and other social events.

Vanessa Harbar, head of Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands, said: "We have been delighted to support St John's to carry out urgent repairs and engage new audiences with this much-loved local landmark."

# Primark to expand into former BHS at Merry Hill

THE owners of Merry Hill shopping centre have revealed major expansion plans for Primark that will finally see the centre's empty former BHS unit come back into use.

The budget fashion chain is expanding to take on the whole of the lower floor of the BHS store opposite, which has been unoccupied since the collapse of the department store chain 17 months ago.

It will expand Primark's footprint at Merry Hill by around 70 per cent, making it the latest in a series of major flagship stores at the shopping centre.

Nick Round, regional director at Merry Hill owners intu, said: "The bigger store will enable Primark to have its entire range on show, which is clearly important for a chain that is focused on its shops rather than the internet."

He said the expanded store, which will offer around 60,000 sq ft of shopping space, would be focused on the customer experience, making a visit to Primark a more enjoyable experience.

The deal follows talks between intu and Primark that have been going on since the property group bought the Merry Hill centre back in 2014.

### Confidence

Mr Round said the expansion plan was a 'vote of confidence' in the future of the Black Country's biggest shopping centre.

It comes as intu moves ahead with a £100 million investment and expansion plan, including a new cinema, restaurants and expanded shops for major retailers chains, including the conversion of the former Sainsbury's supermarket into a major flagship outlet for fashion chain Next.

As well as the Next outlet – which will be one of its biggest stores in the country when it opens later this year – River Island, Topshop and Topman, and JD Sports have also doubled their space at Merry Hill.

Mr Round said: "An increasing number of retailers are investing in new space at intu Merry Hill, reflecting the genuine confidence in the destination."

## War veteran saw way to stay active



Bernard Colechin with tutor Jim Ault and his daughter Janette Colechin at his woodwork class

HE may have just turned 100 but Bernard Colechin is carving out a new path as a keen woodworker.

A former lieutenant commander during the Second World War now Mr Colechin, from Kinver, loves nothing better than a spot of whittling at his woodwork class. He was delighted to receive

a cake on his 100th decorated with woodworking tools along with his card from the Queen.

Mr Colechin helped keep the vital part of Dover clear of mines during the war, after joining the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves. He later cleared Hong Kong harbour of mines.

After the war he worked as a manager at Unilever, which brought him to the Midlands in the 1950s. Now Mr Colechin is perfecting his skills in a woodwork class at Leasowes High School in Halesowen. He attends every week with his daughter and has been going for 14 years.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Rich list? That could refer to me – and you

A STUDY by Oxfam, which claims that the richest one per cent of the world owns 82 per cent of the world's resources, has sparked a predictable outcry on social media.

"The greedy rich should pay more tax to help the poor and downtrodden" seems to be the upshot of it, and certainly when confronted with such stark figures it seems hard to disagree.

I do wonder, though, whether the professional malcontents busy working themselves into such a fury have actually paused to think about just who the richest one per cent of the population are.

No doubt images of Sir Philip Green, polishing his medallion while soaking up the sun on his private yacht, spring to mind. Or perhaps Sir Richard Branson on his private island, and a grouchy Lord Sugar barking orders at his underlings from his raised chair in the boardroom.

And of course, no list of wealthy pantomime villains would be complete without special mention of Rupert Murdoch, who seems to be to blame for most things these days.

And yes, all of these fall into the richest one per cent, but they are not alone. According to the Global Rich List, which defines such things, anybody earning more than £22,706 a year is in the richest one per cent. I wonder how many of the people angrily pointing the finger at the "greedy rich" realise that they too are members of that exclusive club?

More to the point, how many of these members of the richest one per cent, particularly those who work in the public sector, have been on protest marches demanding an end to "austerity", and an inflation-busting pay rise?

If the Oxfam report tells us anything, it is that most people in this country are pretty well-off, and maybe a little less moaning wouldn't go amiss when there are so many people in the world who really do have something to complain about.

By the way, the chief executive of Oxfam earned £127,753 last year.

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INTERESTINGLY, the Oxfam report also coincides with a new report by the Rowntree Foundation which says more than half of children in London and Birmingham are living in poverty.

The study defines poverty as having an income, after housing costs, of less than £248 a week, which is a little confusing.

Given the stratospheric cost of housing at the moment, particularly in London, how many of these supposedly impoverished households are also in the richest one per cent of the world?

## Clapping at end of Churchill film – and why not?



Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill in the film Darkest Hour



Lord Jim O'Neill now believes booming global trade will "dwarf" Brexit ill effects



Prince William 'laughed off' suggestions he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look

# Patriotic nation is entitled to applaud

A READER contacts me with yet another report of a cinema audience applauding at the end of Darkest Hour starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. I'm not surprised. These are self-selecting audiences with a pro-Churchill bias and, having heard of the reactions elsewhere, they are primed to clap.

BUT there's surely more to it than that. Britain is just about the only European country proud of its part in the 20th century. And despite half-a-century of post-imperial breast-beating and institutionalised shame, we are, in the main, a patriotic and sentimental nation. We saved the world. We are entitled to clap a little.

JUST as global warming may be cooled by a coming mini-ice age, so Brexit may be mollified by a general improvement in world trade. So says the former treasury minister and Remainer Lord Jim O'Neill. He now believes that booming global trade will "dwarf" any ill effects caused by leaving the EU. In other words, after all the froth and fury, we may hardly notice any difference. The millennium bug revisited.

PRINCE William has 'laughed off' suggestions that he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look. This is only a theory but I'd be surprised if he paid anything. His wife's hair stylist apparently went to Kensington Palace to give HRH the razor-cut treatment. The stylist is probably well-pleased with all the publicity and would not dream of sending a bill.

IN case William is remotely interested, in real life, for a Number 3 cut which is not quite so brutal as his, I pay £5 (admittedly with the Near-er My God To Thee discount).

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



SOCIAL media ought to come with a warning: "Signing up to this will ruin your entire life." Latest victim is Amina Khan, L'Oreal's hijab-wearing model who has resigned after somebody uncovered anti-Israel tweets she posted three years ago. How long will it be before nobody on social media will be able to do anything in the public eye because of their hasty opinions of yore?

A FORMER SAS soldier who took part in the 1980 Iranian Embassy siege is homeless and unable to get a council house. In contrast, one of the embassy terrorists, released from jail after 28 years, is said to be living rent-free in London. Surprised? Me neither. It is 100 years since the prime minister Lloyd George promised "homes fit for heroes." It was a lie then and it's a lie now.

THE Church of England is a broad church with half a millennium's worth of prayers and liturgy to cover every aspect of human life. This probably explains why its House of Bishops has decided there's no need to create a new form of service to welcome transgender worshippers; the baptismal service can be adapted. But I bet the bishops considered not only the theology but the maths. According to official statistics, no more than six out of every 1,000 Brits are transgender. No more than 20 in every 1,000 Brits are regular churchgoers. So the number of transgender people wanting a new form of service is vanishingly small, especially when you divide it among England's 10,449

church parishes. And yet who would put money on the bishops' decision being the end of it? The campaigning group OneBodyOneFaith has already accused the bishops of "kicking trans people into the long grass" and the lesson of the Church's recent history is that once it is accused of kicking anybody, the only option is a meek apology and surrender.

OUR changing language. According to police, a gang of violent burglars in the Black Country "scope areas for homes that could be potential targets." Scope? The trouble with this word is not that it means nothing but that it can mean several things. You can scope a property using binoculars but you can also scope it through online research. Joe Public, on being warned of "scoping," may start keeping an eye peeled for dodgy-looking blokes with field glasses when he should be removing images of his possessions from Facebook.

MIND you, if I were in charge, burglary would vanish overnight. This is because I'd have serial burglars taken into a field and shot. Why? Because they are the lowest of the low. They are worse than most murderers (who usually kill in a moment of passion) and worse than many paedophiles (who clearly have mental problems). What is more, there is hard evidence that serial burglars kill people. Home Office figures show that old people who have been burgled are much more likely to die sooner than others of similar age. At best, being burgled causes long-lasting trauma. At worst, it shortens your life. Yet police forces everywhere increasingly treat it as a minor crime and when I suggest executing serial burglars, people think I'm joking. Absolutely not.

## TALKING POINT



# Cashing in on the sick with fines for parking

PARKING fines and charges have been in the news lately. Recently, The Chronicle revealed that hospital trusts were making thousands from charging staff and visitors to park, with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, for example, raking in £1.1m.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust made £2.4m and Dudley Group NHS Trust profited to the tune of £471,000, although most of that revenue was taken by a private finance initiative firm.

Add the £2.3m made by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and you can see why the chief executive of the Patients' Association Rachel Power claims the charges equate to being penalised for being ill.

Spare a thought in particular for the heroic, overworked and under-paid employees within our crumbling NHS, who deserve a bigger wage packet, yet find most of their already hard-earned cash spent on the privilege of going to work and potentially saving someone else's life.

Away from hospitals, it was reported that, to Walsall Council alone, more than £1,000 a day was being paid every day in parking penalties.

One Liberal Democrat campaigner said drivers were being treated as cash cows. And, after an experience that happened to myself, I can only concur.

You see, I was given a penalty charge notice half an hour before my time in a car park had elapsed.

How can this be? It appears that our 'crime' was to top-up the two hours we had already paid for, thus spending more than the allocated time in said car park. I have paid the fine – £25, but doubling to a barely affordable £50 if not settled within 14 days. But I have also exercised our right to appeal.

It does beg the question of how many other unsuspecting motorists – simply in the wrong place at the wrong time – have been caught this way. On only our second visit to the town in question, we were oblivious to the regulations and not aware of any advisory signs, so hopefully common sense will prevail.

However, it is galling that there are people out there who knowingly disregard the law and even ignore any punishment that comes their way.

Campaigners claim payments are just another way of making money from hard-working people, while authorities argue that income generated from parking fines is ploughed back into our highways and making them safer.

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## Hospital parking fees are excessive

AFTER having my wife in hospital for a week, I feel, it is time I joined our local MP Ian Austin in his protest about the car parking fees at Russells Hall Hospital and all the regions' hospitals.

My wife was admitted on Tuesday last and I have visited her every day since, so at £5.60 a time that adds up to £39.20 per week. If I could afford to visit twice a day, that would be a grand total of £78.40 or £319.60 per month and that is roughly half my pension gone.

We have no choice in paying this as wait-

ing time in A&E can be as long as two and a half hours and on Wednesday myself and my wife sat from 1pm to 7pm, just waiting for a box of tablets from the pharmacy.

I am certain that a good many of your readers will feel the same way as I do. I would not mind if the £5.60 ticket lasted from midnight to midnight and allowed you to come and go in between, or would that be asking too much? I hope all readers will back Ian Austin and myself in this protest.

TONY DAVIES  
Dudley

## Trying to find friend from '50s

CHARLES Higgs was a Warrant Officer in the wartime RAF. He became a Wireless Operator/Rear Gunner in Bomber Command. Flying after over 50 sorties he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Many failed to survive that many operations.

I first met Charlie in the early 1950s while working for his father's photographic business in Kidderminster. I lost touch with him but in the early 1960s I met him on a bus travelling from Halesowen to Kidderminster. We only had a short time to go over old times as he left the bus at Hagley. I know his wife Mary came from the Stourbridge.

Charlie was an 'Old Boy' of my school in Kidderminster and I would like to write about him for our annual magazine. If you can help please telephone me on 01562 745429 or e mail to carollian-@tiscali.co.uk

BRIAN GITTINS  
Kidderminster

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## Prince Harry is credit to country, unlike Blair

WHAT a great bloke Harry is helping our war heroes to get their lives back together, and what a difference to the man that caused their problems.

Tony Blair sent our troops into Iraq to please George Bush, costing billions of pounds and hundreds of lives just to get a pat on the back from his

American master. He is still costing this country millions of pounds for his protection, and he is still poking his nose where it's not wanted (in Brexit negotiations).

He should be arrested, locked up and tried for war crimes.

M L RHODES  
Stourbridge

## Bus service is 'appalling'

SOMETHING has to be done about the appalling no9 service from Stourbridge to Birmingham.

It boasts a seven minute service but you can be left waiting for 30 mins then three or four come in together and then turn round and go out together leaving people standing.

I appreciate that there can be traffic hold ups en route but the problem is made worse by the display times on the so-called 'real time' board which shows a bus is due in so many minutes, then there's no bus!

This happens time and time again. Better to say there won't be a bus for 30 mins, then you know where you are.

Better still couldn't the bus company operate a more local bus, say from Stourbridge to Halesowen or Quinton.

PAT HUGHES  
Lye

## Thanks to all who helped

I would like to thank everyone who came to my wife's aid when she had a blackout in Brettell Lane, Ambecote on January 15. The staff at the Lidl store were excellent, as were the two ladies in the ambulance who came to the 999 call from the Lidl lady. Russells Hall's A&E staff were excellent. To everyone involved, God bless you all. You will always be our A-Teams.

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# Students learn by visit to hospice building project



Stourbridge College students view the construction work at Mary Stevens Hospice, where the day centre is being upgraded. **WORK** to expand a day care centre so a charity can look after more terminally-ill patients has been visited by construction students.

Mary Stevens Hospice is extending its Stourbridge facilities as part of a £3 million project.

Construction company AM Griffiths & Son Ltd was asked by Stourbridge college lecturer Moss Baker to assist

students currently undertaking a BTEC level 3 Construction course by providing a 'real live' building site for them to visit, learning construction techniques and procedures.

Managing director of AM Griffiths & Sons, Richard Green, and Stevan Jackson, CEO of The Mary Stevens Hospice, were more than happy for students to be shown around the site.

Hospice bosses expect to move back into the building by August. Their day-care service and offices have in the meantime transferred to other

buildings on the site off Hagley Road. The day centre is being upgraded with a second storey, allowing the ground floor to hold all patient services. This means the charity will be able to look after 25 people instead of 17, and be open seven days a week.

Offices will be moved upstairs, and a new flat will be built allowing families to stay overnight. Currently, the day service has been moved to the charity's lottery and fundraising building. For more information, visit [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk) website.

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# Hugh's joy at early Sportive sign-ups

BLACK Country cycling legend Hugh Porter has urged people to sign up to this year's Banks's Round the Wrekin Sportive.

Early entries for the event have already topped last year's total at the same stage.

But Hugh has urged more people to sign up for the event – in order to reach 1,000 riders taking part.

The sportive starts at Dudley Kingswinford rugby club and heads out into the Shropshire

Hills taking in the Long Mynd, Stiperstones and The Wrekin. Last year's event raised £28,000 for Compton Hospice.

Hugh said: "We got 740 doing it last year. I have a big ambition to reach the magic 1,000. At the end of January last year we had 98 entered, this year we've already got 156."

The event on May 20 has a choice of three distances. See [www.roundthewrekin.co.uk](http://www.roundthewrekin.co.uk) for further details.



Lisa Bockhoefer of Compton Hospice, Hugh Porter and Marston's MD Richard Westwood celebrate the money raised by the cycling event

# Record passenger numbers at airport despite Monarch loss

BIRMINGHAM Airport has unveiled its best set of passenger figures, as nearly 13 million people passed through the terminals of the Midlands gateway in 2017. But it will struggle to match that in 2018, due to the collapse of Monarch and loss of its 1.8 million passengers a year.

In total, 12,983,436 passengers travelled through the airport over the course of the calendar year, in excess of 1.3m more people than in 2016. In the busiest month, August, when almost 1.5m passengers were recorded.

David Winstanley, chief operating officer, said: "Last year we celebrated the busiest 12

months in our history. During 2017, we saw the launch of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays and the return of British Airways and bmi regional. The year was indeed one of celebration but also commiseration as we sadly saw the demise of a long-established airline, Monarch. This airline carried an average of 5,000 passengers per day from Birmingham but we have seen some existing carriers and new carriers pick up almost all of this capacity."

The airport will regain transatlantic services in May when Primera Air launches flights to New York and Toronto, though they have shelved plans for a Boston route.

# Expert fears Carillion is the 'tip of the iceberg'

PROBLEMS at Carillion are 'just the tip of the iceberg' according to an insolvency expert.

They are warning the group's 30,000 subcontractors should expect 'minimal to no returns'. The Wolverhampton-based construction and services giant is thought to owe around £1 billion to thousands of 'subbies' and suppliers after its collapse.

Julie Palmer, partner at Begbies Traynor, a leading independent insolvency firm, said: "When a major contractor like Carillion falls over, the domino effect is huge. I fear that the issues we've heard about so far may only be the tip of the iceberg."

"Around 30,000 subcontractors are currently bearing the brunt of Carillion's collapse, many of which haven't been paid by the group for 120 days. Secured creditors will be paid first."

"Unfortunately, most subcontractors will find themselves right at the bottom of the pile, meaning the vast majority are likely to see little or no return."

Construction and services group Kier has taken on around 200 Carillion employees as it picks up that company's share of work on HS2 and smart motorway projects.

## Jobs

A new Government-run company is being set up to take over Carillion's prison contracts, saving around a thousand jobs.

Some 300 smaller rail suppliers hit by the company's collapse are to be paid arrears they are owed following an agreement between the Official Receiver's special manager PwC and Network Rail for the period from Christmas to January 15. All certified work after January 15 will see suppliers to rail projects paid until further notice and Carillion rail employees paid until at least mid-April.

Carillion has been accused of trying to 'wiggle out' of its obligations to pensioners while paying out tens of millions in dividends for shareholders and 'handsome pay packets' for bosses.

The Commons Work and Pensions Committee criticised the collapsed outsourcing giant after publishing a letter from Robin Ellison, chairman of trustees of Carillion's pension scheme, which gives an account of the firm's pension scheme.



Frank Field – pensions

Carillion's liquidation left in its wake a £900 million debt pile, a £590 million pension deficit reported by the firm, and hundreds of millions of pounds in unfinished public contracts.

Mr Ellison's letter suggests the pension deficit could be even higher at £990 million, the committee said.

Carillion has been 'falling short' of what trustees expected it to contribute to pension schemes since 2008, the MPs said. The company cited cash flow problems as a reason for not making higher pensions contributions in 2011 and 2013, but paid more than £70 million in dividends in both those years.

In a damning assessment, committee chair Frank Field said: "It's clear that Carillion has been trying to wriggle out of its obligations to its pensioners for the last 10 years."

"The purported cash flow problems did of course not prevent them shelling out dividends and handsome pay packets for those at the top. This culminated in negotiating deficit contributions away entirely last autumn to enable more borrowing. Remarkably, this was endorsed by the trustees and the Pensions Regulator."

Meanwhile, the accountancy watchdog is to open an investigation into KPMG over its audits at Carillion. The Financial Reporting Council said it will open an investigation under the Audit Enforcement Procedure.

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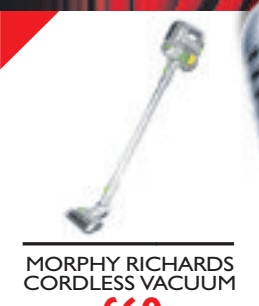
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# Wards commit more mixed-sex breaches

## Farewell to devoted Baggie



Richard Eades was a hugely popular figure with Albion staff and fans. Albion players past and present joined friends and family in saying farewell to a much-loved referee and mascot at his funeral.

Former striker Lee Hughes and current players Jonny Evans, Chris Brunt and James Morrison attended the service for Richard Eades at St Bartholomew's Church in Wednesbury.

Albion shirts and scarves were numerous among the crowd paying their respects to the popular father-of-two. The church was full

and some mourners had to stand outside. The 42-year-old died suddenly last month. He had spent nearly 30 years involved with Albion in a variety of roles - from ground staff, to coaching and in recent years as mascots, including Baggie Bird, Baggie Junior, and from 2007, Albi.

He also played and coached and was manager of Boing FC - Albion's official supporters' football team - and served as a highly-respected Birmingham County FA referee.

HOSPITALS in the Black Country breached mixed-sex accommodation rules on 133 occasions in three months - up a third from the same period the year before.

The figures for the last three months of last year are up from 80 over the same period in 2016.

Commonly, the rules are breached by members of the opposite sex sleeping in shared ward accommodation.

However, two hospital trusts say the breaches were caused by patients overstaying in shared-sex intensive care and high dependency units, where a four-hour target applies to move patients to wards once they become stable.

The figures released by the NHS claim to show the 'total occurrences of unjustified mixing in relation to sleeping accommodation'.

### Demand

Sandwell General Hospital, managed by Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, was the worst offender with 95 breaches, although there were none in the month of December.

It was followed by Manor Hospital in Walsall, managed by Walsall Healthcare NHS Group, with 22 breaches and Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, managed by the Dudley Group NHS, which had 14 breaches.

Diane Wake, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We did not report any mix sex breaches on a ward. The ten breaches in December occurred on our high dependency unit."

"Once a patient has been identified as sufficiently stable to be transferred to a ward, this must be done within four hours. The breaches in December occurred because of the high demand for inpatient beds which meant that these patients were not transferred within four hours."

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THE December meeting, which would have been a Christmas dinner at The Lodge in Dudley, was cancelled due to inclement weather and rearranged for January 31.

The meeting on January 8 began with chairman Enid Fennell wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming one visitor. There were several apologies for absence.

As a result of illness, Margaret Whitmore, a former committee member, is unable to attend for the foreseeable future, and Sheila Watts has resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

Following the reading of the minutes, Kath Turner asked to address the meeting. She began by stating that she had never been to a Federation carol service until 2017, and had been very moved by the whole event. It was a truly heartfelt tribute and she remarked that she had not realised what she had been missing in previous years.

The expected speaker for the evening was ill, so at extremely short notice Ann Clark stepped to tell a sad story concerning a local tragedy, which as the story unfolded, proved the kindness of people and the strength of family ties.

She was thanked by Chris Groves. The envelopes for the year's subs will be distributed at the meeting on February 12. The speaker will be Rosemary Prosser on 'One Egg or Two?'

# Speaker's walks in Wensleydale recalled



Speaker Derek Coates flanked by members Rose Cooper and Janet Darby

Dudley South Ladies Luncheon Club

AT the January meeting chairman Ann Rogers welcomed 36 members and wished them a happy and healthy 2018. She particularly thanked the 25 ladies who had braved the heavy snow on December 8 and MP Mike Wood and his assistant Alex Moore for coming to speak at the last minute.

Tribute was also paid to the staff at The Lodge for a job well done, not only throughout 2017, but dealing with the numerous telephone calls and so many cancellations.

Following an excellent three-course lunch speaker Derek Coates recalled his times "Walking in Wensleydale". He began at Leyburn, a lovely town with its market and interesting shops. He showed slides of woods covered in wild garlic, hay meadows, fields of wild flowers, dry stone walling, the Grade I listed Wensley Hall and the town of Askrigg – the setting TV's All Creatures Great & Small. Finally the 40 different Wensleydale cheeses made famous by Wallace & Gromit.

## Year's programme to be announced

STOURBRIDGE Ladies Society Christmas celebrations included a meal at a Bridgnorth carvery and an afternoon tea party catered for by the committee.

The first meeting for this year on January 30 is the Annual General Meeting. The programme for the coming year will be announced. On February 27 members will be having a bring and buy sale and quiz, and on March 27 the first of the year's speakers will be John Butterworth talking about the

Stourbridge Ladies Society

Black Country Bugle. Outings commence at the beginning of April with lunch at the Eagle and Sun near Droitwich followed by a visit to a local garden centre.

Stourbridge Ladies Society meets on the last Tuesday of each month in the Ambleside Room of Stourbridge Town Hall at 2pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

## Top comic heads into the sunset after gig



Dudley-bound comedian Stewart Francis is giving up stand-up comedy to become a cartoonist

CANADIAN funnyman Stewart Francis is to bring his last ever show to the Black Country.

The popular one-liner comedian, who has appeared on TV shows Mock The Week and Live At The Apollo is coming to Dudley Town Hall on October 13.

Tickets for his show, called Stewart Francis: Into the Sunset, are on sale now.

Alex Jackson, booker for Dudley Borough Halls, said: "We're very excited to welcome the wonderful Canadian comedian Stewart Francis to Dudley Town Hall in October with his brand new show. Stewart is a one-liner expert; a real master of his craft. This will also be his last ever tour, so it's most definitely not to be missed."

The comic has said that he wants to become a full-time cartoonist. Tickets cost £18.50 plus booking fees and are available online at [www.boroughhalls.co.uk](http://www.boroughhalls.co.uk) or by calling the box office on (01384) 812812.

# Firm warns that jobs put at risk by camp

**A CONTROVERSIAL bid to build a travellers' transit camp in Coseley could force a company to move out – with the loss of 30 jobs, warn bosses.**

Dudley Council has favoured building a site in Budden Road as part of measures to reduce illegal camps in the borough.

But Commercial Body Fittings Ltd, based nearby, said it may have to move if plans were approved because of a possible increase in insurance rates and security concerns.

A spokesman for the firm said: "This could result in about 30 people losing their jobs, who are based here at the moment."

"The proposed transit site could cause our insurance premiums to rise. But it wouldn't just be down to that, we have got to think about security issues as well."

The firm, which makes and distributes car parts, currently has plans to double the size of its Coseley base from 55,000 sq ft to 110,000, leading to 40 new jobs.

By Jamie Brassington

But this could also be thrown into doubt because of concern over the proposed transit site.

These concerns were aired during a public meeting in Coseley on January 23. Up to 130 people attended the meeting to make their views known to Dudley Council leader Councillor Patrick Harley and council strategic director Alan Lunt.

Coseley East ward's Councillor Susan Ridney said people in Coseley feared the transit site was 'a done deal', although the public consultation was running until yesterday (Wednesday).

She said council documents show the land is contaminated by industry.



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# Children's TV artworks are for sale at auction



'Baldmoney and Dodder at the tiller of the Jeanie Deans' estimated to fetch between £250 and £350 at auction

AN auction of nearly 200 original watercolours used for the 1975 TV series 'Baldmoney, Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry' will go under the hammer in Stourbridge.

The sale on Saturday 3 at Fieldings in Stourbridge will include works by John Worsley that were used as story boards for the Anglian TV series. The artworks are all signed and dated.

The characters come from Little Grey Me, a children's fantasy novel written by Denys Watkins-Pitchford

about the last four gnomes in Great Britain, who live beside Folly Brook in Warwickshire. They are named after the flowers Baldmoney, Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry.

In 1975 The Little Grey Men was adapted into a 10-part animated series. Mr Worsley was a prolific British artist and illustrator, best known for his naval battle scenes and portraits of political figures.

Mr Worsley also worked on adaptations of The Wind in the Willows, Treasure Island, and A Christmas Carol. He died in 2000, aged 81.



Artist John Worsley at work

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A number of pieces sold in the saleroom have been 'discovered' in relatively odd places and in some cases considered to be of fairly little value by their owners.

A prime example is, of course, the Scrimshaw walking cane that we sold for a staggering £47,000 – it was found on top of a wardrobe and its owner thought it might possibly be worth a fiver – and also most certainly one of the lots coming up in next week's sale.

A marble bust of eminent Georgian politician George Fox, one of Tuesday's 'stars', was found in a garden!

The bust was made by famous sculptor Joseph Nollekins and is estimated to sell for between £500 to £800 – despite having spent some considerable time as a 'garden ornament' it is in excellent condition.

Another surprise was a stunning collection of silver 'apostle' spoons discovered at the back of a drawer, having lain there for some years.

The spoons turned out to be extremely valuable, one dating back to the reign of Henry V111 and probably made for a member of his court.

The spoon collection (which were in great condition, I used the Henry one to eat my breakfast with the morning before the auction!) in total sold for in excess of an amazing £20,000.

Then there was a superb eighteenth century sundial, again found in a garden, which netted more than £2,000, and another garden find – a cast-iron decorated bench which had been modelled on those lining the London embankment and made a very healthy £800.

Of course these are not everyday finds but they proved to be the source of considerable cash windfalls . . . so start looking, you never know what you may unearth!

\* The February Perry and Phillips sale of antiques and collectables will take place at the Mill Street saleroom, Low Town, Bridgnorth this Tuesday from 10.30am. Viewing is this weekend and on Monday and catalogues are available from the saleroom or online at [www.perryandphillips.co.uk](http://www.perryandphillips.co.uk). Newcomers to the auction should arrive in plenty of time to register and be allocated a bidding number and bids may be made (by prior arrangement) over the phone or left with the auctioneer.

\* Perry and Phillips hold valuation days, for sale items only, every Wednesday from 10am until 4pm.

# Embellishing garments still order of the day



Eye-catching Japanese embroidery

EMBELLISHED garments are the order of the day, embroidery features on everything, all your favourite garments, the white cotton shirt, denim jacket, velvet dress, back in the high street stores but with elaborate stitched designs.

Embroidery can be traced back as far as ancient China (5th to 3rd century BC), where they used to employ various hand-sewing techniques to patch, repair or decorate their clothing. In a garment from Sweden (300 to 700 AD), the edges of the trimmings are strengthened with running stitch, back stitch, stem stitch, tailor's buttonhole stitch, and whip-stitching, but it is uncertain whether this work is decorative trim or just to reinforce the seams. Eventually it became a way of distinguishing between different classes of society, defining wealth and status.

The art of embroidery didn't stop there, it spread worldwide with each culture embroidering patterns that were unique to them.

In the 19th century, with the industrial revolution came mechanical ways to stitch, until then it was all done by hand. Frenchman Josue Heilmann invented a hand em-

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with Janet Timmis



broinery machine nearly 20 years before the first sewing machine was patented in 1846. Heilmann's embroidery machine consisted of a frame to hold the fabric, a needle assembly and a handle to work the needle. Instead of taking the needle to the fabric, fabric moved to meet the needle, which had a point at each end and an eye in the middle. The process allowed stitching in any direction.

### Crank

In 1863, Isaak Groebli invented the Schiffli embroidery machine which operated using a two-thread system and required someone to turn a crank in order for the machine to work. Using the machine was still considered painstaking but it meant that you could create identical garments again and again.

Today top end designers such as Stella McCartney and Alexander McQueen are using

embroidery in their newest catwalk offerings and the high-street offers a vast choice of styles along with other recent trends such as embroidered patches and personalised logos.

Some shops are personalising garments while you wait. Tommy Hilfiger and Polo Ralph Lauren on Regent Street are offering this service. A few taps on a tablet in store and you can be leaving with a fully logoed item and Louis Vuitton offer monogramming on their luggage.

According to statistics, a large percentage of shoppers are happy to pay premium prices to make their purchase unique.

This bodes well for companies such as Unmade, the London based manufacturer, who can create customised knitwear in hours using new technologies to allow knitting machines to create bespoke pieces at the same price as making thousands of the same design.

Will we soon be designing our garment, including our personalised logos, ordering online and receiving it the next day. Now that would be something different and something you can't return if you get it wrong.



Keep away from the 3Ps – prepared, processed and packaged foods



Choose healthy breakfast options, such as porridge, yogurt, organic eggs and fruit

# Tips to boost diet and exercise of your partner



Nutrition coach Pippa Campbell

**DO you constantly worry about how your partner's lifestyle choices may be affecting their health?**

Your fears may be more common than you think.

A new study has reveals it's a fear one in three of us have, with two thirds of people putting their loved one's health ahead of their own.

The average Briton also worries about their partner's wellbeing more than twice a week, with nearly a third discussing these concerns on a weekly basis with their other half.

The study by Bupa Health Clinics found that people often prioritise their partner's health above their own, because they believe they're healthy and don't need to worry about their own wellbeing, saying they'll address their own health issues if and when they need to.

So what can you do to ease your worries in the meantime? We asked health experts to give us five sneaky ways to improve your partner's health at home.

**1. Prepare a healthy bedtime snack**  
One of the top concerns is that a partner isn't getting enough sleep. As well as encouraging loved ones to get to bed at a

By Lisa Salmon

reasonable hour, nutrition and weight loss coach Pippa Campbell points out that sugary snacks before bedtime can be a recipe for poor sleep.

"Starchy carbs and sugars will raise your blood sugar and delay sleep," she explains.

"Later, when blood-sugar drops too low (hypoglycemia), you may wake up and be unable to fall back asleep.

"I recommend not eating carbs or sugar before bed usually, but if you're feeling stressed, a small pre-bedtime protein or carb snack might help (around 10pm). In these instances, I advise my clients to eat some almond butter on a small rye or gluten-free cracker."

**2. Cook a healthy breakfast for them**  
Nutritionist Dr Marilyn Glenville, author of Natural Alternatives To Sugar, says that another handy tip for helping to keep loved ones healthy is to check that they're choosing healthy breakfast options, such as wholegrain cereals like porridge, organic live natural dairy products like yogurt, organic eggs and fruit.

"Sugar-laden cereals will cause blood-sugar to rise sharply and drop quite quickly, making people feel hungry more quickly," she says.

**3. Alter their diet**

If you're concerned about your partner's weight, altering their diet could help to shift the pounds.

"Keep them away from the 3Ps – prepared, processed and packaged foods, as well as saturated fats (margarine, pastries, crisps) alcohol, wheat and gluten-containing foods, and foods that increase blood-sugar quickly (sweets, juices, bread).

"They can also increase sources of antioxidants by munching on berries."

**4. Don't opt for sugar-free alternatives**

If you're selecting sugar-free or low-fat alternatives, in the hope they can help your partner shift those stubborn pounds, you may actually be setting yourself up for a fall. Such foods could be increasing belly fat, as they'll usually contain artificial sweeteners, which can slow down the digestive process and increase appetite.

**5. Set exercise reminders on their phone**

If your partner has a desk job, they may have a low step count, which can affect how much exercise they are getting. Sitting for long periods decreases activity of the fat-burning enzyme lipoprotein lipase. Encourage your partner to walk around the office more and to take their lunch break.



# Caring UK will lead the global ban on ivory trade

**WHEN** it comes to banning the trade of ivory around the world, the UK cares.

A consultation saw more than 60,000 Brits respond and, according to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the vast majority are in favour of ending the ivory trade.

It comes at a crucial time for the debate, as Environment Secretary Michael Gove prepares to publish his department's consultation response.

Mr Gove has vowed that the UK will be 'front and centre' of global efforts to end the trade in ivory, which is linked to the deaths of 55 elephants a day. MPs in the Black Country – including John Spellar and Ian Austin – are among those to call for a total ban.

## Antiques

Technically it has been illegal to trade ivory since 1990, but the UK law allows trade in 'antiques' carved before 1947, or items worked before 1990 that have Government certificates.

A pledge to ban the ivory trade was dropped from the Conservative Party manifesto last year, a decision which Labour's Dudley North MP Mr Austin wants to see addressed.

"Clearly something needs to be done to stop the killing of tens and thousands of elephants at the hands of poachers each year," he said. "It's wrong that the Tories dropped their pledge for a total ban in the UK so I'm backing the campaign by Action for Elephants to put it back on the agenda."

Saba Douglas-Hamilton, who runs the Save The Elephants charity, has warned that populations across Africa have shrunk by a third, driven by the high value of ivory, particularly in China.



Saba Douglas-Hamilton with elephants during a visit at West Midland Safari Park

## Robber targeted autistic woman

A ROBBER who snatched a handbag from an autistic woman at Dudley bus station has been jailed after he was identified from CCTV.

Lee MacDivitt, 29, targeted the woman as she sat with friends waiting for a bus, grabbing her handbag with such force that the handle snapped off.

Witnesses were able to identify MacDivitt from CCTV images following the robbery.

MacDivitt, of no fixed address, was jailed for four years and eight months at Wolverhampton Crown Court after admitting the robbery in March.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Dave Laver, from West Midlands Police, said: "Thanks to people's help, we have been able to bring him to justice for carrying out an opportunist attack on a vulnerable young woman."

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# On quest for good posture with some tech help

If you're anything like me, you might have a slightly complex relationship with your posture.

I'd love a permanently straight back – it makes you look stronger, taller and more powerful.

Unfortunately, a nine to five desk job means I tend to slowly wilt over the keyboard with each email I send.

I've always been conscious of my posture, thanks to a very well-intentioned but unsuitable mother who spent my childhood poking me in the back to sit up straight – something she still does today, as I obviously still haven't got the picture.

I wouldn't say my posture is dire, but there's definitely room for improvement.

I'm particularly conscious of this in light of all the negative effects of slouching, which include pains along the neck, back and shoulders, as well as the potential of long-term musculoskeletal disorders.

With 80 per cent of people in the UK likely to suffer from back pain at some point in their life, you wonder how much of this is down to the fact that we spend so much time slumped over a desk.

Good posture does more than just look good and keep your back feeling healthy, it's also said to improve productivity and increase your overall wellbeing.

As my mother is (sadly) not with me in the workplace, I settled for trying the next best thing to get my posture back on track – the Upright Go – a wearable tracker that's designed to help you maintain a straight back.

## What exactly is an Upright Go?

The Upright Go is a small device that is unobtrusive when you stick it to your upper back. One click of the button and you're good to go.

The device has two settings; tracking and training.

In tracking, if you start to slouch, it vibrates until you've returned to perfect posture.

In training, the device is silent, and logs how long you've been either slouching or sitting pretty – info you can then evaluate on the app on your phone.

## Does it work?

It's a simple concept, and well-executed. When I first put on the Upright Go, it started doing its job immediately – the second it vibrated, I'd immediately sit up tall. You're meant to switch between tracking and training but I can't say I was bothered with this too much.

To be brutally honest, I wanted to be bullied into sitting up straight by this demon device, not spend my time looking at stats. This being said, even when you're in training mode, you feel silently judged by the device and are encouraged to keep your back ramrod straight.

After a couple of weeks wearing the device (admittedly not all the time), small things did begin to irritate

me.

It's so sensitive that it will go off on a vibration spree whenever you're not perfectly upright.

This is fine when you're sitting at your desk, but less than ideal for the times when you bend over to pick something up or tie your shoelaces.

After one particularly arduous day of trying to maintain my posture, I began to notice that my upper back was actually aching a little bit from the effort. This sent me into what can only be described as an existential spiral: Was I sitting up wrong? Have I been doing it incorrectly the whole time? What does it all mean?

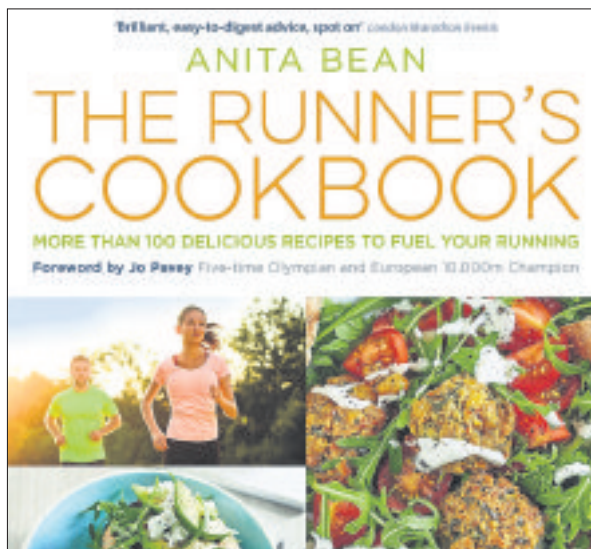
Not only that, but I often found myself collapsing with relief on the Tube whenever I was going home if I had spent the whole day with the device – which is definitely not the ideal result.

But even though my relationship with the Upright Go has descended into love-hate territory, it has succeeded in making me more mindful of my posture.

Even if I'm not actually wearing it, I can definitely say that I've been thinking so much more about sitting up straight.

Let's just hope I'm doing it right.

The Upright Go is available for £69.99 from [www.uprightpose.com](http://www.uprightpose.com)



The Runner's Cookbook by Anita Bean



Anita Bean's turkey pilaf

# Busting myths over what runners can and can't eat

By Ella Walker

**WHETHER** you're training for this year's London Marathon (and beginning to panic), or just trying to get the new year off to a good start by going for the odd jog, you're probably asking yourself the same question: "What can I eat before a run that isn't spaghetti Bolognese?"

As well as Lycra, smugness and hi-vis fitness jackets, bowls of pasta are synonymous with running culture – but there are alternative running-fuel ingredients, and sports nutritionist and former bodybuilding champion, Anita Bean, is committed to proving that. The health writer has put together 100 recipes specifically geared towards the needs of runners – regardless of speed and ability – in her latest collection, *The Runner's Cookbook*.

"A lot of athletes and runners come to me with the same questions because they don't really know what they ought to be eating – there's a lot of conflicting information," she explains.

"Do I really need to take gels during a run? What's the best way to fuel for a 5k or a marathon, or a half a marathon? What should I be eating straight after a run? Those are the kind of questions I really wanted to address."

## Mistakes

But what food mistakes do runners consistently make? And does all that exercise mean you can eat anything you fancy? Here, Anita busts some myths and sets out some golden rules...

**There's no need to consume energy supplements**

"I see runners relying on supplements, thinking they need to have sports nutrition products after all their runs, and they're taking sports drinks and gels and they really don't have to. For the majority of runners, if you're running for less than 60-90 minutes, you certainly don't need to be taking sports drinks or any other kind of sports nutrition products."

**Being a runner doesn't mean you can eat whatever you like all the time**

"Runners starting out often think running is a license to continue eating whatever they want. Runner's weight gain is quite a real phenomenon, and that's because many runners overestimate the amount of calories they burn, or overcompensate by consuming extra food after their runs," explains Anita. "Or they think, 'Well, I've run 10k today, so I deserve this chocolate cake'. Basically, it's getting the balance between calories in/calories out wrong."

**In fact, you ought to be even more careful about what you're eating**



Anita Bean, author of *The Runner's Cookbook*

"Start to really cut down on highly processed foods: sugars, sugary snacks, crisps, high-fat, high-sugar foods. Instead, ensure your diet contains lots of fresh fruit, fresh foods and more natural wholefoods. Whole grains, fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, lean meat, fish."

## Don't cut out carbohydrates

"There's so much stuff out there talking about low carb and ketogenic diets;

that's just overcomplicating the issue. Quite honestly, nutrition doesn't have to be complicated and when you look at the diets of top runners, they're eating a diet that includes carbohydrate," states Anita. "If you've got a long or hard run ahead, you want to eat more carbohydrate. Carbohydrate is what we call a fast fuel – it's the muscles' preferred fuel, it produces energy faster than fat or protein. If you try and cut



Mexican bean burgers from *The Runner's Cookbook*



Cocoa and almond energy balls

down your carbs, you'll feel really tired and fatigued to start with, but you'll find that it may sustain you for long, slow runs, your low intensity easy runs, but a low-carb diet cannot fuel high-intensity runs."

*The Runner's Cookbook: More Than 100 Delicious Recipes To Fuel Your Running* by Anita Bean, photography by Adrian Lawrence, is published by Bloomsbury Sport, priced £14.99. Available now.





Jonny Penney on stage at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton at the weekend

## The fans write on to jog Jonn's Atomic memories

Jonn's Atomic Memoir Won't Write Itself  
Wolverhampton Literature Festival  
Slade Rooms

NED'S Atomic Dustbin frontman Jonn Penney wants to write his memoirs but he has hit a problem.

"I don't inspire myself," he says. "I am terrified staring at a blank sheet of paper." So to overcome this writer's block, Jonn filled a room with Neds fans and music lovers to get material for his book.

As well as asking Jonn questions, the crowd were invited to share stories. In return, Jonn and Ned's guitarist Rat treated the crowd to a string of newly-interpreted acoustic versions of the band's songs.

Jonn, who turns 50 this year, said: "The reason for the night is to revisit what everything meant that I did and to find out what you will be interested in hearing about. What my boys will be interested in."

There should now be quite a few chapters penned in his memoirs now. Prompted by

## A night of nostalgia with three witty pals

Cummings Your Way,  
Wolverhampton  
Art Gallery.

FOR the uninitiated, Cummings Your Way is a series of amusing online travelogues. The ramblings largely seem to be that of Stourbridge-born presenter Dan Cummings.

So how was this online production going to work as a presentation at the city art gallery for the Wolverhampton Literature Festival?

Quite simply, Black Country trio Cummings, Lee David Harris and Martin Daviestook the audience on a journey both on screen and with their own anecdotes and observations to the places where they grew up. Listening to these tales was like sitting in a pub sharing memories of yesterday with old chums.

The audience nodded in agreement at references to eighties bands and childhood adventure.

When you enjoy such get-togethers, there is one entertaining friend who will dominate with their lively story telling, amusing memories and comic digressions. Enter Dan Cummings – who is the main face of the videos but for the festival provided the link between the films as well as taking us to the palatial gates of Mary Stevens Park and Stourbridge.

These friends shared their stories and their evening with us – a good night was had by all. To see their films visit [www.youtube.com/cummingsyourway](http://www.youtube.com/cummingsyourway)

## REVIEWS

by Diane Davies

the crowd's questions he shared a host of anecdotes from the heyday of the Neds.

The audience had tales to tell from favourite gigs – one superfan going to 124 shows – to early days in Stourbridge to filming the video for Kill Your Television at Dudley JB's.

Jonn recalled meeting such stars as Lionel Blair, Oliver Reed, Annie Lennox and being pushed down stairs by Jimmy Savile!

It was a night of nostalgia and sharing memories Jonn asked for their help and the fans were only too happy to provide.

Ned's Atomic Dustbin will be touring with The Wonder Stuff under the banner Love From Stourbridge, including concerts at the O2 Academy in Birmingham on April 14 and 15. The first is already sold out.

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# Some great gardens to see across the world



IF you're planning a holiday to take in some stunning gardens, check out these three locations for flora and fauna, plus when to go and what you'll see.

## GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Guernsey and the neighbouring Channel Islands off the Normandy coast are in the sunniest spot in the British Isles, claiming more than 2,000 hours of sunshine per year.

With such a temperate climate, there are blooms all over the island's 24 square miles, including more than 1,000 window boxes, hanging baskets and other planters in the capital St Peter Port (pictured above) alone, providing a colourful accessory to this pretty town's cobbled streets and picture postcard marina.

And that's before you find an array of flora and fauna on the island's historic Candie Gardens.

Walkers can wind their way on a cliff-top path along the south coast. Along the way you'll see delicate white sea campion, clusters of pale yellow Alexanders (horse parsley) and inhale the scent of wild garlic, also known as three-cornered leek.

In summer the banks of the paths are splashed with pink and purple wild orchids, pink foxgloves and an array of other wildflowers.

**When to go:** Late spring, when a profusion of tulips and wildflowers come into bloom, and throughout summer when there's a programme of 'open garden' events, talks and guided walks. For details go to visit-guernsey.com and floralguernsey.co.uk.

## CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Aside from the mouth-watering food and elegant wine, the stunning rocky scenery of Table Mountain and the 12 Apostles, Cape Town – and the wider region of South Africa's Western Cape – is also home to some amazing flora and fauna, including its native flower, the protea.



On the verdant slopes of Table Mountain, just 13km from the city centre, Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, one of the world's top horticultural hotspots, contains more than 7,000 species of plants from South Africa.

This 36-hectare garden, part of a nature reserve established in 1913 to promote, conserve and display the extraordinarily rich and diverse flora of southern Africa, was the first botanic garden in the world to be devoted to a country's indigenous flora.

**When to go:** It depends what you want to see. In the Cape Town winter (June-August) you'll see fynbos and strelitzia but the weather will be cooler and rainier. Come spring (September-October) pincushion proteas (pictured left) will come into flower, while in summer (November-March) you'll see mountain dahlias, pelargoniums, agapanthus and amaryllis. But to see the fynbos at their best and the most plants in flower, visit towards the end of winter and in spring (August-October).

For more information visit [sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch](http://sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch) and [country.southafrica.net](http://country.southafrica.net)

## MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

There's already plenty of colour in the city, with its low-rise pink and red buildings and bustling souks set against the striking background of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains.

But it's another world when you step into Jardin Majorelle, the former home and garden of the French painter Jacques Majorelle, who arrived in Marrakech in the 1920s and created his horticultural vision featuring marble pools, banana trees, groves of bamboo, coconut palms and bougainvillea.

There are many gardens to visit close to the city including the Bahia Palace featuring a remarkable riad garden and the Palmyre Museum. For more information go to [gardenvisit.com](http://gardenvisit.com)

**When to go:** Spring (mid-March to May), when the roses are blooming, or in September, when the heat of the summer has faded.



Go 'Walkies' On The Wall Labradors Wall Mural (Wallsauce.com)

# Decorate your home to mark the Year of the Dog

THE Chinese New Year is approaching on February 16, and guess what pooch lovers? It's the Year of the Dog. So, what better way to celebrate than by introducing some canine class into your home?

Dogs are the nation's favourite pets, according to Statista, which found that 24 per cent of Brits share their space with canine chums.

It's time to let dogs run wild on walls and rampage over tableware and accessories. We've trawled the shops for the most dog-tastic finds...

## GO "WALKIES" ON THE WALL

Plain or small spaces, such as hallways and bathrooms, are great for experimenting with quirky wallpaper – like a doggie-dotted version. Plus, a monochrome scheme never goes out of fashion, and black and white framed photos of your pet could be a perfect finishing touch. Alternatively, Wallsauce.com has a brilliant selection of dog wall murals, including a Labradors Wall Mural, from £27 per square metre.

## SET A "PAWFECTION" TABLE

Pooch might have to eat out of a humble bowl

– but you can show you're "top dog" by setting a smart table with crockery that features different breeds or your favourite hound.

## CONJURE A BOW "WOW" SETTING FOR WORK OR PLAY

Focus on Fido (or Fred or Fifi) in a home office or child's bedroom by featuring a colourful wallpaper on a feature wall, and echo the playful puppy theme with bright accessories, from lamps to cushions.

Don't want to go whole hog – or should that be, whole dog – with your mutty makeover? You can still delve into doggy decor with a few subtle touches, perhaps a vase on a shelf or sideboard.

## SHOW YOUR DEVOTION WITH TAIL-WAGGING TREATS

Secretly, you know it's your four-legged friend who rules the house, so pamper your pooch with his/her own sofa or glamorous bed – at least then he won't hog the couch and get hairs all over your cushions! If they're not in need of a new bed, then there are plenty of other canine-kit upgrades to choose from.

# The future is bright as flowers start to show

## ROSS UNDERWOOD

Head Gardener at Hodnet Hall



*It's not the case, though some might wish it so*

*Who from a window watch the blizzard blow*

*White riot through their branches vague and stark,*

*That they keep snug beneath their pelted bark.*

*They take affliction in until it jells  
To crystal ice between their frozen cells,  
And each of them is inwardly a vault  
Of jewels rigorous and free of fault,  
Unglimpsed until in May it gently bears  
A sudden crop of green-pronged solitaires.*  
(Orchard Trees by Richard Wilbur)

**PLANTS are extraordinarily resilient as the poem by Richard Wilbur makes clear.**

More so than us humans who are perhaps more content to listen to the radiator purr while the weather makes merry outside.

Who wants to wait until May though? Winter Aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*) have thrust up bright yellow heads surrounded by a ruff of green leaves. They grow from corns and make an excellent ground cover beneath shrubs and trees.

They are especially good under deciduous shrubs with winter stem colour such as Cornus, Rubus and Salix. They can be a bit shy to spread at first but will spread quickly by seed and you can often tell the more established gardens from the swathes of Aconites.

Once the flowers have finished the leaves expand quickly and an extensive patch can make a good weed suppressant early on.

## Quintessential

Snowdrops (*Galanthus*) are the quintessential winter flower and can be grown in pots inside on a windowsill or outside where they look great in borders or in grass.

The simple grace of the white teardrop shaped flowers is hard to resist and the pale sword shaped foliage has an elegance all its own. It is easy to see why they inspire such devotion among enthusiasts though I much prefer to see mine massed rather than close up. Once established it is best to leave them to make a reasonable sized clump and move them after they have finished flowering. This is also the way to buy them if you can, "in the green" as dry bulbs can desiccate quite easily giving only disappointment.

Where I live the catkins are already visible on the Hazel bushes in the hedgerows. Though individually not as showy when seen collectively they can be quite striking.

Another plant which displays its subtle virtues now is *Garrya elliptica*. This ever-



Snowdrops can be grown indoors or outdoors in pots and look great in borders or in grass, according to Ross



The ruddy purplish sheen of Bergenias is eye-catching

green shrub is best grown against a wall where it will appreciate some shelter. The evergreen leaves are gently waved at the edge. The catkins which are longest on male plants are greyish green the longest of which are seen on the cultivar "James Roof".

As the temperatures plummet the gloss on the leaves of Bergenias acquire a ruddy purplish sheen which in the best cultivars such as "Bartok" turns a rich ruby red.

They make ideal ground cover and look wonderful finding the edges of beds and borders or around trees.



Eranthis – or Winter Aconites – have bright yellow heads

They can tolerate quite dry conditions, though the foliage is not so luxuriant and does better where there is a little more moisture.

All things told there is plenty to see in a month that is far from being a dead loss garden wise.



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# It's a super trouper of a sunny musical

It's the ultimate feel-good show. Mamma Mia has been described as being the world's sunniest and most exhilarating smash-hit musical. Written by Abba stars Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus the musical is set on a Greek island paradise.

It is a story of love, friendship and identity and is cleverly told through the timeless songs of Abba. The lead character is Sophie Sheridan, who is played by Lucy May Barker.

The action centres around her quest to discover the father she's never known. It follows her story as Sophie's mother comes face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget.

The show, which runs at the Wolverhampton Grand from February 6 to 24, is irresistibly funny and has been thrilling audiences all around the world. Now it is coming to Wolverhampton for the first time.

Lucy May is looking forward to that – and says she has a blast playing Sophie each evening.

"Being able to create my own version of it is amazing. I want to transport people away to our little Greek island world. That helps them forget what they've seen before.

"Sophie has been played by others but this is my interpretation. I have so much to do in the show because the story is so full. I just trust the fact that I was chosen for the part and I bring my own confidence to it. There's so much to do in this job."

## UPBEAT

The show is truly upbeat. The title of the musical was taken from the group's 1975 chart-topper Mamma Mia. Benny and Bjorn, who composed the original music for Abba, were involved in the development of the show from the beginning while singer Anni-Frid Lyngstad became involved financially and has attended many of the premieres around the world.

The musical includes such hits as Super Trouper, Lay All Your Love on Me, Dancing Queen, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Take a Chance on Me, Thank You for the Music, Money, Money, Money, The Winner Takes It All, Voulez-Vous, SOS and the title track. It has been seen by more than 60 million people around the world and a film version made in 2008 was a huge hit. That starred Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski, Stellan Skarsgård and Julie Walters.

Lucy May says the show is so resolutely upbeat that it's impossible not to enjoy it. "I think it's hard for everyone not to have a great time. It's such a happy show and so if there's someone in the company who's down, it brings them straight up."

"People often come up with these amazing stories about how it makes them feel – the show is feel good.

Knowing me, knowing you –  
Mamma Mia is hit-packed fun



It's so upbeat. It gives the audience the chance to escape for a couple of hours. It is an absolute dream come true to play the role. I absolutely love the show and getting to perform it to all the lovely audience around the UK is a feeling like no other.

"I grew up listening to Abba and we had the Abba Gold CD in my mum's car, so I knew almost all the words already when I auditioned which was very handy ha ha! I love going on for Lay All Your Love.

"I love singing that number and from then on I don't leave the stage for the rest of the act which is a total rollercoaster."

The musical opened in the West End at the Prince Edward Theatre on April 6, 1999, and transferred to the Prince of Wales Theatre on June 9, 2004, where it played until September 2012. It has also featured on Broadway and at other cities around the world.

The present British tour has thrilled audiences the length and breadth of the UK and Lucy May says the responses have been remarkable.

"There was a review back at the start saying Mamma Mia should be available on the NHS. I've played it for the whole tour since 2016. With that

*I want to transport  
people away to  
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island world*

comes fantastic opportunities for learning and developing the role. I'd like to think I've got better. You practice something eight times a week and different audiences and different places give you different things. We were in Birmingham for 10 weeks and it was great and people are generally happy and cheery in the West Midlands: they're up for a good time.

"I've been to Wolverhampton before in other shows and the Grand is a beautiful theatre. There are some audiences that are slightly more serious in other parts of the UK, but Birmingham and Wolverhampton. But these are cities I love.

"To do big scale musicals that are uplifting and crowd-pleasing and positive is a gift.

"As a kid I did Annie and that really gave me the bug. Most of the people on stage or in the company had done it as kids, they'd done that in theatre school. So to go from doing that as a child to doing it as a professional in adult life is a dream. I try to always remember that. Not a lot of people have the opportunity to turn their childhood passion turning into their life passion – I'm one of the lucky ones."

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A scene from Matthew Bourne's Cinderella



## Cinderella dances in Blitz battered London

AUDIENCES have been laughing along to a star-studded pantomime production of Cinderella for several weeks at Birmingham Hippodrome but a very different, darker vision of the fairy tale is arriving at the venue next week.

Choreographer and leader of the New Adventures dance company Matthew Bourne, who thrilled audiences at the Hippodrome a year ago with his glamorous cinematic-styled version of The Red Shoes, has revived his take on Cinderella.

It is set in a Blitz-ruined wartime London where the threat of death has ignited a new age of hedonism as our heroine embarks on a dizzying romance with an

RAF pilot. Bourne's stylish vision, which was screened by BBC TV during the festive season from London's Sadler's Wells Theatre, is a revival of a production first performed 21 years ago and last revived a decade ago. It is a radical reworking that draws on a real life tragedy when popular London nightclub the Café de Paris took a direct hit from a Luftwaffe bomb.

The production keeps the magnificent Prokofiev score from the traditional ballet, in recorded form, and has potent imagery that often recalls Powell and Pressburger's classic 1946 wartime fantasy A Matter of Life and Death, about a pilot who briefly cheats death.

Matthew Bourne's Cinderella is staged from Tuesday to Saturday. See [birminghamhippodrome.com](http://birminghamhippodrome.com) or call 0844 338 5000.

## Brief return to Rep for classic romance



One of the most acclaimed theatrical productions of recent years returns to Birmingham in February.

Kneehigh's production of Noël Coward's Brief Encounter, adapted and directed by Emma Rice, will be staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from tomorrow (Friday) until February 17.

Coward's Brief Encounter is one of the most haunting love stories ever and is particularly fondly remembered due David Lean's classic British movie from 1945 starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.

A chance meeting in a railway station café brings together housewife Laura and doctor Alec and their casual friendship turns into a heart-breaking love story.

Both the play and the film inspired acclaimed director Emma Rice. She says: "Brief Encounter combines the romance of cinema with all that live theatre can offer; magic, passion, surprise, suggestion and naughtiness."

"I carry this show in my heart and couldn't be more excited to return to this heart-pounding production and bring it back to Birmingham. Radical and romantic, nostalgic but oh, so relevant – let

passions ignite!"

This award-winning production of Brief Encounter premiered at Birmingham Repertory Theatre in 2007 winning the hearts of audiences and critics alike. It subsequently triumphed in the West End, toured the globe and received dazzling reviews on Broadway.

The cast will feature Jim Sturgeon as Alec and Isabel Pollen as Laura. Brief Encounter will be directed by Emma Rice and designed by Neil Murray.

For more information see [birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://birmingham-rep.co.uk) or for tickets call 0121 236 4455.

## Japanese drums and Beethoven

Japanese taiko percussion group Kodo perform new work Evolution at Symphony Hall on Monday. Classical highlights at the Birmingham venue include Scottish violin virtuoso Nicola Benedetti, pictured, on Tuesday. She performs Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and his Violin Concerto with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. The CBSO conducted by Constantinos Carydis perform Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition on Wednesday.



## Sub Pop's latest signing at the NAC

Californian singer-songwriter Jesca Hoop, who is currently based in Manchester, is in concert at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton on Monday. She has released five studio albums since she was encouraged to start her musical career by Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, and has worked with Guy Garvey and as a backing singer for Peter Gabriel. She recently signed to the Seattle-based Sub Pop label.

Also coming to the NAC are the Jam-like Watford outfit The Spitfires on Saturday. American punk veterans the Dead Boys are at Digbeth's O2 Institute tomorrow (Friday). Reggae star Macka B is back on home turf for a gig at Bilston's Robin 2 on Saturday. Jazz and reggae singer Zara McFarlane is at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Wednesday.

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CHOICE



Jim Sturgess

**Hard Sun (BBC1, 9.30pm)**  
A night jogger is murdered and brutalised in his home, and when Renko realises the victim is a man from her past, she realises his death has dire personal implications for both her and Daniel. Armed with knowledge of Renko's traumatic history, Hicks understands the significance of the man's death, but with the government breathing down his neck to secure the Hard Sun dossier, he once again finds himself at odds with her. Meanwhile, Daniel goes on the run after inadvertently claiming the Hard Sun flashdrive, but fleeing places him firmly in Grace Morrigan's cross-hairs. Pre-apocalyptic crime thriller, starring Jim Sturgess, Agyness Deyn, Nikki Amuka-Bird and Owain Arthur.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Six Nations Preview. **1.45** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v Scotland (Kick-off 2.15pm). **4.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union.  
**7.00** **BBC News.**  
**7.10** **Regional Programme.**  
**7.15** **All Together Now.** The musical talent show continues, as Rob Beckett invites more singers to step on-stage for a chance to win a £50,000 cash prize. Facing a 100-strong panel of judges, the stars must not only deliver the performance of a lifetime, but also encourage the panellists to join in too. The more judges each singer manages to win over, the better their chances of proceeding to the grand final.  
**8.20** **Casualty.** New COO Avis Baxter arrives to find Holby in chaos. The hospital is at capacity, and a queue of ambulances laden with deteriorating patients is only making matters worse. Alicia is horrified when Ethan tows the management line, stating no more locums or nurses will be made available, and when his decisions result in a serious case of sepsis being missed, and breaks the rules to get the patient - an injured chef - into resus. Meanwhile, eager new F1 Bea faces a trial by fire in the ED after offloading her 'uninteresting' patients on old medical school pal Rash, and Charlie's plans to wine and dine Duffy on their anniversary fall short of the mark.  
**9.10** **BBC News:** Weather.  
**9.30** **Hard Sun.** The brutal murder of a night jogger has dire personal implications for both Renko and Daniel, and places Hicks at odds with a colleague he has come to respect.  
**10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Burnley v Manchester City, Manchester United v Huddersfield Town and Arsenal v Everton; National Lottery Update.  
**11.55** **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to look ahead to Super Bowl LI.  
**12.25** **Film:** Ill Manors. (2012) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.10** The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **7.45** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **8.00** The Designers. **8.30** Deadly Top 10. (R) **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Robot Wars. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** The Hair Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Spain v Great Britain. **3.30** Nigel Slater's Middle East. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R)  
**6.00** **Hugh's Wild West.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's West Country tour continues as he visits the Somerset Levels, where he witnesses the natural spectacle of huge flocks of starlings swirling in the sky as they come in to roost for the winter. He also discovers how the Levels' dedicated volunteers have helped to maintain crucial reedbeds, which have now become havens for rare bitterns and great white egrets. Plus, Hugh observes the large blue butterfly, which has been brought back to the region from near-extinction, and meets nature enthusiast Stephen Hembury, who has been capturing local wildlife on film, but is having little luck recording elusive hares.  
**7.00** **A House Through Time.** David Olusoga concludes the house's story, revealing how it was once almost demolished, then became a home for creative people and meeting the current owner. Last in the series. (R)  
**8.00** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring is accused of leaving a light burning in the church hall during a blackout, and receives a summons to appear in court. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)  
**8.30** **Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.** Paul Merton embarks on a journey from Lairg on Loch Shin to Lochinver and finally, to the summit of Suilven - one of the most distinctive mountains in Scotland.  
**9.00** **QI XL.** Jason Manford, Jimmy Carr and Victoria Coren Mitchell join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconvictional quiz.  
**9.45** **Live at the Apollo.** (R)  
**10.30** **Film: The Talented Mr Ripley.** (1999)  
**12.40** **Film:** Albatross. (2011) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Dancing on Ice. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** **Film:** Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)  
**6.00** **Regional Programme:** Weather.  
**6.05** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.15** **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill introduces more viewer-submitted comedy clips, including a drone's destructive encounter with an errant baseball, and a photo-shy seal.  
**6.40** **Take Me Out.** Men from Leeds, Dublin, Edinburgh and Swansea seek the approval of the 30 single ladies sitting on Paddy McGuinness's panel.  
**8.00** **The Voice UK.** The Blind Auditions enter their fifth week, as Will.I.am, Jennifer Hudson, Olly Murs and Tom Jones reassemble to assess the singing skills of more would-be stars. Emma Willis ushers the contestants on-stage where, yet again, the coaches must decide whether they would like to back each performer based on the power of their voice, rather than their appearance. Only once a coach decides to support the singer are they permitted to turn their chair around, and any of the contestants chosen could be in with a chance of securing a recording contract with Polydor.  
**9.30** **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon infiltrates the homes of another three mystery celebrities, and challenges Shane Richie, Rachel Riley and Alex James to guess "who habitates in a house like this".  
**10.30** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**10.45** **Film: Lethal Weapon.** (1987) Action thriller, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.  
**12.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **5.35** The Supervet. (R)  
**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00** **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the landscape of north-west Portugal as they embark on a voyage down the Rio Douro. It's a journey that combines two of their favourite things - water and wine - as they follow the route taken by Yorkshire-born port entrepreneur Baron Forrester, and visit some stunning wine estates. The couple also stop off at the Factory House, a traditional English gentlemen's club that lies in the heart of the city of Porto. (R)  
**8.00** **Village of the Year with Penelope Keith.** Five villages from the Central Zone, which reaches from the west of Ireland to the Midlands, compete for a place in the final, as judges Alex Langlands, Patrick Grant and Juliet Sargeant assess their merits.  
**9.00** **Film: Suffragette.** (2015) Premiere. A woman joins a campaign to gain the right to vote in 1912. She and her allies find their peaceful protests accomplishing little in the face of an unwavering state, so resort to increasingly violent measures, risking everything they have in the pursuit of political justice. Period drama, starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne-Marie Duff and Meryl Streep.  
**11.10** **Film: About Time.** (2013) A man learns he has the ability to travel through time and uses the power to improve his love life. Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams.  
**1.20** The Last Leg. With guest Stephen Fry. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace and Trigger's plan backfires. (R) **4.20** Coast vs Country. A woman seeks a new life in north Wales. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Funnies Falls & Flops. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** The A-Team. (R) **2.00** The A-Team. (R) **3.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.00** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.55** 5 News Weekend.  
**6.00** **The Wonderful World of Puppies.** The canine development documentary continues by exploring how puppies use their key senses - smell, touch, sight and hearing - to absorb information about their new surroundings, and crucially, make a start on broadening their horizons. Six-week-old golden retriever Dakin demonstrates how his ever-developing brain helps improve his stature and coordination, and a litter of bull mastiff pups are left baffled by a mirror. A Cocker spaniel destined to become a working dog illustrates how selective breeding can encourage desirable abilities, and a corgi with a big future as a show-dog must first overcome a few crucial hurdles.  
**7.00** **Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups.** Joe Pasquale showcases one last selection of pranks, with laughs coming at the expense of Justin Timberlake and Louis Walsh, among others. Last in the series.  
**8.00** **Blind Date.** A white witch from Preston seeks to cast her spell on three eligible bachelors, and former military man Dean from Wiltshire sets out to find his dream girl. Last in the series.  
**9.00** **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Sheffield United, Aston Villa v Burton Albion and Leeds United v Cardiff City.  
**9.55** **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury Town and Plymouth Argyle v Blackburn Rovers.  
**10.25** **The X-Files.** (R) **11.15** **The X-Files.** (R) **12.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** **Film:** Vampire Academy. (2014) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **8.00** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **9.00** Spiral **11.05** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.10** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **1.10** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **2.10** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **3.10** Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.00** Take Me Out **1.15** Totally You've Been Framed! **Gold 2.20** **Film:** Yogi Bearer (2010) **3.20** **FYI Daily** **3.25** **Film:** Yogi Bearer (2010) **4.00** **Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.00** **FYI Daily** **5.05** **Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.45** **Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.50** **FYI Daily** **6.55** **Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** **Film:** 22 Jump Street (2014) **10.00** **FYI Daily** **10.05** **Film:** 22 Jump Street (2014) **11.15** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** Release the Hounds **2.05** Ibiza Weekender **3.00** Teleshopping  
**ITV3**  
**2.55** **Film:** Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) **4.55** Midsomer Murders **11.00** **Film:** The War **1.00** On the Buses **1.55** **ITV3** Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**1.30** **ITV Racing:** Live from Sandown. Coverage of today's meetings Sandown Park, Musselburgh, and Wetherby. **4.00** **Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** **FYI Daily** **5.10** **Film:** Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.50** **Storage Wars** **6.45** **Live** World Boxing Super Series. Murat Gassiev v Yunier Dorticos. **11.30** **Film:** Pale Rider (1985) **12.30** **FYI Daily** **12.35** **Film:** Pale Rider (1985) **1.50** **The Professionals** **2.55** **ITV4** Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.30** **The Goldbergs** **2.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **8.00** **Film:** Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) **11.55** **Gogglebox** **1.05** **Naked Attraction** **2.10** **Rude Tube** **3.05** **Gogglebox** **4.00** **How I Met Your Mother** **4.45** **Rude(ish) Tube**  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Dunston Checks In (1996) **1.00** Johnny English (2003) **2.45** Carry On Cleo (1964) **4.35** The Family Stone (2005) Festive comedy drama, with Sarah Jessica Parker. **6.45** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) The awkward teenagers find university does not live up to their expectations, and go to Australia in search of adventure. Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. **10.55** **The Hollow** (2015) Premiere. Horror, starring Joseph Mawle. **12.50** Troll Hunter (2010) **3.05** Close

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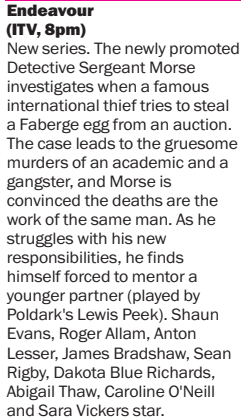
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**7.00 Breakfast.** 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** The Truth About George. (R) **2.15** Wonders of the Moon. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Songs of Praise. **4.20** Film: The Proposal. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.

**6.05 BBC News.**

**6.20 Regional Programme.**

**6.30 Countryfile.** Reports on winter from around the country. Matt Baker meets a Dorset man championing local winter produce, and Anita Rani discovers the therapeutic benefit of making jewelry. Steve Brown joins to drive a team of huskies. Joe Crowley meets a man with a lifelong passion for deer. Adam Henson visits a farm where gathering the sheep is a risky business, and Ellie Harrison learns about foxes. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**7.30 Still Open All Hours.** Granville and Cecily set out with a romantic plan to persuade Madge and Mavis to stay. However, it involves spending a little more money than the shopkeeper is comfortable with.

**8.00 Call the Midwife.** Nurse Crane and Trixie investigate when a mother abandons her children at the clinic. When the woman is sent to a neurologist, the results are devastating for the whole family.

**9.00 McMafia.** Alex is forced to admit the CIA was once negotiating in Istanbul get underway between Semiyon and his enemies, but he does not realise he is about to suffer a further betrayal.

**10.00 BBC News.**

**10.20 Regional Programme.**

**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Action from this afternoon's Premier League fixtures – Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Newcastle United at Selhurst Park.

**11.15 American Football: Super Bowl LII.** New England Patriots v Philadelphia Eagles. (Kick-off 11.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the showpiece match.

**3.50 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **3.55** BBC News.

**7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **7.35** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. **1.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **1.30** On the Verge. (R) **2.00** The 100. (R) **2.10** Film: Jane Eyre. (1943) **3.45** The Crane Game. (R) **4.45** Elsie Christie: In from the Cold. **5.15** Six Sins Sunday.

**6.00** **Six Nations Rugby Special.** Italy v England. John Inverdale presents action from the concluding match of the opening round of fixtures, held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.

**7.00** **New York: America's Busiest City.** Ade Adepitan, Anita Rani, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow take a closer look at one of the most popular cities in the world, focusing on transport links in the first edition. (R)

**8.00** **Yellowstone: The Blazing Summer.** Summer in Yellowstone brings a new challenge for the beavers as their river dries up, while the wolves have a surprising strategy to keep their pups fed. Last in the series. (R)

**9.00** **Dragons' Den.** The panel assesses the profit-making potential of more business ideas, including a range of language-learning children's books and skin care products made out of hemp.

**10.00** **The Mash Report.** Mish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

**10.30** **Insert Name Here.** Miles Jupp, Kate Williams, Sally Phillips and Roisin Conaty join captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer Sue Woodcock's question about famous people who share a name. (R)

**11.00** **Cleverman.** Boondie becomes the first public victim of the sinister "Process". Charlotte suspects there is something terribly wrong with her pregnancy, and Koehn is reunited with an old friend.

**11.55** **Women's Six Nations Highlights.** Action from the opening round of fixtures, which featured Wales v Scotland at Parc Elfed, France v Ireland at Stade Ernest Wallon, and Italy v England at Stadio Mirabilio.

**12.25** Film: Yves Saint Laurent. (2014)

**2.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This is BBC Two.

**6.00** **CITV:** **5.20** **6.10** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories. **7.50** Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man: The Animated Series. (R) **8.40** Scrambled! Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled! The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled! Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled! Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled! Spy School. (R) **9.05** Scrambled! Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **11.30** The Voice UK. (R) **1.00** ITV News: Weather. **1.10** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **1.40** The Cruise: Return to the Mediterranean. (R) **2.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v England (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Regional Programme / Weather. **5.40** ITV News: Weather.

**6.00** **Dancing on Ice.** Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the next stage as the contest reaches the semi-finals, with nine celebrities still in the running to be crowned this year's champion. However, they still need to impress judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Ashley Banjo and Jason Gardiner with their talents to avoid the skate-off.

**8.00** **Endeavour.** New series. The detective investigates when a family formation (R) tries to steal a Fabergé egg from an auction – but the case leads to two gruesome murders.

**10.00** **ITV News:** Weather.

**10.15** **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)

**11.15** **Next of Kin.** Mona is released from custody and agrees to become a tasked witness, which means she will a covert source for the police in their attempts to bring in her nephew Danny. However, the police find her actions at home is disastrous and her marriage comes under more strain than ever. Thriller about a doctor who is drawn into a tangle of betrayal, conspiracy and murder after her brother's kidnapping brings buried family secrets to light, starring Archie Panjabi, Jack Doolan, Claire Skinner and Vivek Kaushal. (R)

**12.15** **Great Gaming.** (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. Interactive game. **3.00** Take the Twisters. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

**6.10** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Simpsons. (R) **9.30** Sunday Punch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35 Film:** Never Been Kissed. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. **4.40 Film:** Shark Tale. (2004) Animated comedy, with the voice of Will Smith.

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 Posh Prawn.** The return of the programme offering an insight into the lives of high-end and pawnbrokings. James takes a ride around London in an eye-catching supercar, with an aspiring fitness guru who's looking for £80,000. With her eyes on a round-the-world cruise costing £30,000, an adventurous retiree wants to sell a collection of handbags and jewellery. A car expert and a TV contacts memorabilia expert Lawrence abate a helmet that once belonged to land speed record-breaker Donald Campbell, and James faces a dilemma when he gets an offer for one of his favourite impulse buys. (R)

**8.00 The Biggest Little Railway in the World.** The model train is only half as small as its journey to Inverness, but has to drive through bad weather and harsh terrain with the volunteers due to head home. Last in the series.

**9.00 SAS: Who Dares Wins.** The seven recruits who have made it to the final stage of the contest face the most gruelling challenge so far – which only one of them will complete. Last in the series.

**10.00 Maltese: The Mafia Detective.** Italian crime drama following a Sicilian detective who is drawn into a struggle with the Mafia after he witnesses the murder of his best friend and his fiancée.

**11.15 Film: Elizabeth.** (1998) Elizabeth I's rise to the throne is threatened as enemies within the court and overseas plot to bring about her death. Historical drama, with Catherine Blanche and Geoffrey Rush.

**1.25 The World's Most Expensive Food.** (R) **2.20** The Supervet. (R) **3.15** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. (R) **4.10** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

**6.00** **Milshlake!**: Little Princess. **6.15** **Wanda and the Alien**. (R) **6.25** **Poppy Cat**. (R) **6.35** **Wissper**. (R) **6.45** **Milshlake! Monkey**. (R) **6.50** **Milshlake! Bopping About**. (R) **6.55** **Simon**. (R) **7.00** **Peppa Pig**. (R) **7.05** **Pat**. (R) **7.10** **Thomas & Friends**. (R) **7.30** **Fireman Sam**. (R) **7.40** **Oilly the Little White Van**. (R) **7.50** **Blaze and the Monster Machines**. (R) **8.15** **Milshlake! Paw Patrol**. **8.30** **Nella the Princess Knight**. (R) **8.50** **Noddy: Toyland Detective**. (R) **9.00** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**. (R) **9.15** **Shimmer and Shine**. (R) **9.30** **Doc McStuffins**. (R) **9.45** **Peppa Pig**. (R) **9.55** **Peppa Pig**. (R) **10.00** **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**. (R) **10.35** **Football on 5: The Champurios**. (R) **11.30** **Football on 5: Goal Rush**. (R) **12.00** **Police Interceptors**. (R) **12.55** **Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits**. (R) **1.55** **Film: Johnny English Reborn**. (2011) **Spy** comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **3.05** **Film: Westland**. (2010) **Film: The Last Airbender**. (2010) **Fantasy** adventure, starring Noah Ringer. **5.05** **News Update**. **5.05** **Film: The Last Airbender**. (2010) **Concluded**.

**6.00** **Film: Bulletproof Monk**. (2003) **A** mysterious Tibetan monk is entrusted with protecting an ancient and mystical scroll. As modern-day Nazis seek out the relic in a bid to resurrect the Third Reich, the monk comes up with a suitable successor to take over his task – and a pickpocket is the unlikely choice. **Martial arts** thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott, Jamie Kang, Victoria Smurfit and Karel Rodin. **Edited** for violence.

**8.00** **Film: Batman Begins**. (2005) **Billionaire** Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice, consumed by the desire over his parents' murder. **Trained** by a secret society, he hones his fighting skills and returns to his home city of Gotham on a mission to rid it of crime and corruption in the guise of a masked vigilante. **Comic-book** adventure, exploring the origins of the character, with Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Gary Oldman and Katie Holmes.

**9.00** **5 News Update**.

**9.05** **Film: Batman Begins**. (2005) **Concluded**.

**10.50** **Film: The Punisher**. (2004) **The** X-Files. (R) **2.45** **SuperCasino**. **4.00** **Get Your Tatts Out**: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** **House Doctor**. (R) **4.55** **House Doctor**. (R)

**BCB Four**  
**7.00** Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Cuba with Simon Reeve **9.00** Scotland's Vital Spark: The Clyde Puffer **10.00** Anne: Stanley and His Daughters **11.15** Stanley Spencer: The Course of the Clyde **11.45** The Story of Maths **1.45** Cuba with Simon Reeve **2.45** Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection **3.45** Close

**ITV2**  
**1.40** Take Me Out **1.00** The Voice UK **2.30** Film: Beethoven (1992) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35** Film: Beethoven (1992) **4.10** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.55** Film: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Telehashing

**ITV3**  
**1.50** Lewis **1.50** A Touch of Frost **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00** Film: The Constable Gardener (2009) **1.30** Blue Murder **2.45** George and Mildred

**ITV4**  
**1.10** Pawn Stars **1.00** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.15** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **3.05** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** Film: Thunderball (1965) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Thunderball (1965) **7.50** Hornblower **10.00** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.05** Daily 11.15 Film: Source Code (2011) **12.15** Film: 11.55 Film: The Gaultier (1972) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: The Gaultier (1972) **2.05** The Professionals **3.00** Telehashing

**E4**  
**1.05** Toy Story Toons: Small Fry **1.15** The Big Bang Theory: Go Dating **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** Film: The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Film: This Means War (2012) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **2.00** First Dates

**Film4**  
**1.00** Catch That Kid (2004) **2.55** Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **3.55** Lantana's Peak (1997) **6.45** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) **9.00** No Escape (2015) **11.05** Queen and Country (2014) **1.20** Atonement (2007) **3.45** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

**The Silence of the Lambs, Channel 5, 10pm**  
Trainee FBI agent Clarice Starling is sent to interview an imprisoned psychopath with a taste for eating his victims. The inmate offers to help catch a serial killer who is holding a politician's daughter hostage - but to learn what he knows, Clarice has to engage in his dangerous mind games. Jonathan Demme's Oscar-winning thriller, based on Thomas Harris's novel, starring Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glenn and Ted Levine. (1991)

TUESDAY

**The Devil's Teardrop, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A serial killer terrorises Washington DC, with a ransom note the only clue to his identity. A handwriting analyst agrees to help the FBI with their investigation, but also has to deal with fighting his ex-wife for custody of their children. Crime drama based on Jeffery Deaver's novel, starring Tom Everett Scott and Natasha Henstridge. (2010)



Looper, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

**Midnight Stallion, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A 15-year-old girl and her parents are desperate to save their struggling farm, and when they discover a wild stallion in a nearby forest they begin to wonder if it could be the answer to their prayers. Drama, starring Kris Kristofferson. (2013)

THURSDAY

**Abducted: The Carlina White Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A couple take their three-week-old baby to a hospital for treatment, but she is snatched by a woman desperate for a child. She raises the infant as her own for years, but as the girl grows up, she begins to suspect the truth and resolves to investigate her kidnapping and find her parents. Fact-based drama, starring Keke Palmer and Aunjanue Ellis. (2012)

FRIDAY

**Looper, BBC2, 11.05pm**

A hitman employed to kill people who have been sent back in time finds his latest target is his future self. Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis. (2012)

# Will the truth still be out there for Mulder and Scully?

**B**ringing shows back from the dead is all the rage these days – and it's probably all Doctor Who's fault.

The much-loved sci-fi show was axed in 1989, was revived in 1996 for a lacklustre TV movie and then disappeared again until 2005 when it made a triumphant return; it's now one of the BBC's biggest hits, with the next run set to shake things up when, for the first time, a woman (Broadchurch star Jodie Whittaker) will play the Time Lord.

In May 2017, David Lynch's surreal Twin Peaks returned after a 26-year hiatus, but before that, The X-Files ended its 14-year exile with a well-received 10th season.

When we caught up with its main characters – FBI agents Mulder and Scully – the duo had been living separate lives for years; she was working at her medical practice, while he ploughing his own furrow. They were initially brought back together by a cable TV host who wanted them to help him expose a sinister organisation he believed

had the power to control the American public.

What came as a big surprise was that Channel 5 bagged the chance to broadcast it in this country rather than the BBC, who had the rights to the original run, or Sky.

Prior to it being shown in the UK, some speculated that perhaps the big guns hadn't wanted the show because it had lost its sparkle. However, their fears were soon dispelled – despite some critics being unkind, fans were thrilled by each episode.

Now it's back for a new run of 10 tales, but there's some sadness attached to that – Gillian Anderson has already announced that she's played Scully for the final time; even if The X-Files returns, she will no longer be a part of it – so enjoy her appearance here while you can.

Really, her decision to return to the programme that made her name was something of a surprise. In recent years she's become highly sought after on both sides of the Atlantic thanks to acclaimed

performances in The Fall, Great Expectations, The Crimson Petal and the White, War and Peace and Hannibal; Anderson no longer needs the boost to her career that The X-Files once gave her.

She is, however, in the thick of things during the first episode, which begins when Mulder finds Scully unconscious on the floor of their FBI office.

It's discovered that her brain is in a frenzy of activity, and when she eventually awakes, Scully claims she has had a premonition that suggest the end of the world is nigh – and the only person who can prevent that happening is their mysterious son William.

Will the duo find him? What will he look like, and is his mother right about his ability to save the planet?

We don't know yet, but there's another question that needs to be answered: Anderson may have quit, but will her co-star, David Duchovny, be willing to return?

Nobody knows, but the truth is out there...



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny, The X-Files, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

# BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**My Return from IS - Panorama BBC1, 8.30pm**

The programme tells the story of a British woman who is back in the UK after living with so-called Islamic State in Syria for more than two years before managing to escape with the help of her mother. She was arrested, but after extensive debriefing by counterterrorist officers the CPS decided there were no grounds for prosecution. 'Fatima' tells Panorama reporter Peter Taylor how the group has hijacked Islam, with men acting as cannon fodder and women used for cooking, cleaning and giving birth.

TUESDAY

**The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds: All Girls Channel 4, 8pm**

They are one of the most powerful forces in the universe who can get whatever they want with one look. They are five year old girls, and as this one-off reminds us, they are not to be underestimated, as Eva, Jet, Milyah and Zaina prove. The familiar faces are joined by a fresh cast of new girls, while child development experts Dr Elizabeth Kilbey and Laverne Antrobus watch the drama unfold and provide insight into their behaviour. Cameras reveal how the girls see themselves - and the role of women - in 2018.

WEDNESDAY

**Eurovision: You Decide BBC2, 7.30pm**

The Brighton Dome has an important place in Eurovision history – it's the venue where Abba, arguably the contest's biggest gift to the world, won in 1974 with Waterloo. But will some of their magic rub off on this year's would-be UK representatives as they take to the stage in the hope of being chosen by the public and a panel of experts? The acts battling it out are former Britain's Got Talent contestant Asanda, girl group Goldstone, soul singer Jaz Ellington, musical theatre actor Jaz Ellington, DJ and singer RAYA and SuRie, who has previously performed as a backing vocalist at Eurovision. Meanwhile, another Swedish champion, 2015 winner Måns Zelmerlöw, joins Eurovision superfan Mel Giedroyc on hosting duties.

**My Millionaire Migrant Boss Channel 4, 9pm**

It's been claimed that many immigrants to the UK end up taking jobs that Brits don't want, but is this work ethic the reason why they are three-times more

likely to become millionaires than people who were born here? Liverpool-based Palestinian Marwan Koukash would seem to be proof that hard work does pay off. He arrived in 1976 with just £200 and is now a multi-millionaire with several business interests and a string of prize-winning racehorses.

He wants to give something back to his adoptive country by offering four unemployed people a two-week work trial and the chance to be mentored by him. Will they rise to the challenge and prove they have the right attitude to get a permanent job at the end of the placement?

THURSDAY

**Winter Olympics: Countdown to the Games BBC2, 7pm**

The funding of winter sports in the UK has more than doubled since the Winter Olympics in Sochi in 2014, and it's hoped that will be reflected in Team GB's performance this year – their

medal target for the games in PyeongChang, South Korea, is between eight and 12. On the eve of the opening ceremony, Clare Balding meets some of the athletes who are hoping to contribute to that tally including short track speed skater Elise Christie, who is looking for redemption after the heartbreak of being disqualified three time in Sochi, and skeleton bob star Lizzy Yarnold, who aims to become the first Briton to retain a Winter Olympic gold medal. But as well as looking ahead to the Games, Balding will also be learning more about the host country – including the impact of the rising tensions between neighbouring North Korea and the USA.

FRIDAY

**Lethal Weapon ITV, 9pm**

Although Lethal Weapon (the films, as well as this TV series) are primarily action dramas, they have always had a strong comedy element. And this comes to the fore this week as Thomas Lennon's Leo Getz returns, which pushes Murtaugh (Damon Wayans) and Riggs (Clayne Crawford) to up their banter game. Tonight's story follows the cops as they investigate a death that occurred moments before the victim won a fortune on a horse race.



Lethal Weapon, Friday, ITV, 9pm

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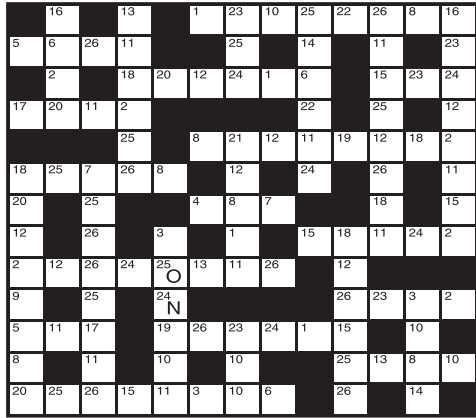


# BRAIN GYM

No.465

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

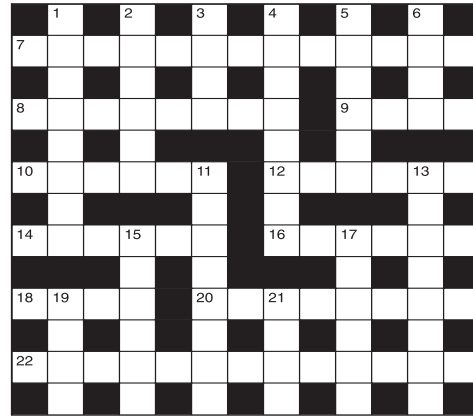
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

7. Even the nudist will require this! (4,9)
8. Hero-worship adroitly adjusted (8)
9. Some of them matched a favourite of the Janeites (4)
10. Business proposition is far from tough (6)
12. & 14Ac. A person of corresponding significance (6-6)
14. See 12 Across
16. Takes off the narrow pieces (6)
18. That is about five hundred and fifty unemployed (4)
20. Can start to do business somehow (8)
22. Shouldered the burden before nightfall and won (7,3,3)

#### Down

1. Artist who was an observer of the country (8)
2. Fastened up impressively? (6)
3. See 19 Down
4. Engineer gets bikes and uses the scrap again (8)
5. A track made by mountaineers (6)
6. Check the flower-holder (4)
11. They cease to exist if they're easy to find (8)
13. Particular pieces rewritten by nearly everybody (8)
15. He gets nothing in an attempt to produce an abstract idea (6)
17. An unusual spread had a jarring effect (6)
19. & 3Dn. Exhausted dropout (8)
21. Dramatic pieces following the gospels (4)



### Quick Clues:

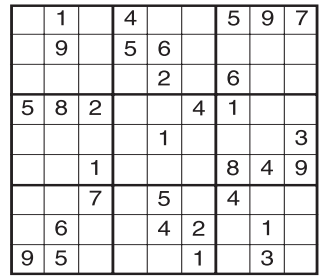
#### Across

7. Blameworthy (13)
8. Music writer (8)
9. Departed (4)
10. Gambol (6)
12. Sermonize (6)
14. Abut (6)
16. Seemly (6)
18. Heroic (4)
20. Secretly (8)
22. Inclusive (13)

#### Down

1. Consumed (8)
2. Drive (6)
3. In this way (4)
4. Brave (8)
5. Unmarried (6)
6. Open tart (4)
11. Ponder (8)
13. Private meeting (8)
15. Fill (6)
17. Fondle (6)
19. Indigent (4)
21. Lament (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	8	5	9	4	2	7	1	6
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Apes; 8 Communique; 9 Feathers; 10 Post; 12 Stroke; 14 Spruce; 15 Cinema; 17 Rating; 18 Gnat; 19 Pastiche; 21 Plantation; 22 Side. Down: 2 Pedestrian; 3 Scot; 4 Ampere; 5 Curses; 6 Dispirit; 7 Rest; 11 Second-hand; 13 Overtone; 16 Appear; 17 Rustic; 18 Gaps; 20 Inns.  
QUICK - Across: 1 Toss; 8 Earthquake; 9 Pretence; 10 Gape; 12 Ignite; 14 Driver; 15 Foster; 17 Brewer; 18 Tsar; 19 Consider; 21 Disappoint; 22 Amen. Down: 2 Outrageous; 3 Sent; 4 Orange; 5 Shield; 6 Quagmire; 7 Mete; 11 Preference; 13 Interval; 16 Recipe; 17 Bandit; 18 Tidy; 20 Iota.

## Quiz

1. Goths were divided into Visigoths and which other group?
2. What was founded in 1903 as the first English garden city?
3. In Christianity, what are the highest order of angels called?
4. Which poet won the 1948 Nobel prize for literature?
5. Which clan conspired with the English in the Glencoe massacre?
6. Where was the British Unknown Soldier buried in 1920?
7. Of what is stinkhorn a species?
8. Which incendiary liquid is a mixture of naphthenic and palmitic acids?
9. What is the oldest British university?
10. What is the hybrid between a blackberry and a raspberry called?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Paradise Regained; 2 The Velvet Underground; 3 Dwight Eisenhower; 4 New Hebrides; 5 Prime minister (of Ireland); 6 Jeremy Bates; 7 Black Widow; 8 Carol Ann Duffy; 9 Dr Graham Leonard; 10 Nigeria.  
Niner: SNOWFIELD

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a rhyme,  
gives a composition,  
gives a German song.

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The Stonic is Kia's first venture into this competitive market sector

# In the market for a compact SUV? Then try a Kia Stonic

**By Carmel Stewart**

**Proof, if proof were needed, that the SUV market is taking over the automotive world, comes in the shape of yet another chunky, robust, highly capable model easing its way into the segment to challenge all comers.**

In a market which is expected to see European sales doubling to more than two million in the next couple of years, the Kia Stonic may well prove to be a worthy challenger.

Sitting on the Rio supermini platform and built in South Korea, the Stonic is Kia's first venture into this highly competitive market sector. Prices start at £16,295 – so slightly pricier than its rivals – but Kia argues that it has a more extensive standard spec list and that unbeatable seven-year warranty.

As always, Kia has kept things simple with three tried and tested engines, one manual transmission and two trim levels – Grade 2 and First Edition.

The peppy 1.0litre, 118bhp three-cylinder turbo charged petrol unit, well matched to the six-speed manual transmission will, more than likely, be top choice for most buyers. Not only will it average 56.5mpg but it will also zap from a standing start to 60mph in less than ten seconds so, unless you are looking for a getaway vehicle, that should be fast enough for most of us.



#### Standard specification includes Apple CarPlay

The entry-level 1.4litre, 98bhp petrol, averages 51.4 mpg. It is less powerful than the 1.0litre and is only available with Grade 2 trim but is the lowest priced.

The 1.6litre, 108bhp turbo diesel sits less comfortably under the bonnet of the Stonic than the petrol units. Certainly, it has more torque than the others and it'll be first choice for anyone who needs to soak up the miles, averaging as it does 67.3mpg. It also clocked up the lowest CO2 but it wasn't as quiet or as much fun.

If an auto is a must there is one available but no 4WD is on the cards as, surprisingly, the take-up for all-wheel drive in this sector of the market is only eight per cent.

On the road, the Stonic is a sweet, smooth, solid performer, offering a comfortable, composed, enjoyable drive, presenting no problems right from the off.

Being engineered with European roads in mind, its well-tuned suspension, responsive steering and high driving position all engender confidence. Road holding, even when pushed into sharp corners, is unwavering, thanks in part at least to the standard fit electronic stability control and vehicle stability management which combine to do pretty much as described, keeping the vehicle firmly on the straight and narrow.

Standard spec includes 17-inch alloys, skid plates, air con, all-round electric windows, roof rails, rear parking sensors, Bluetooth and LED daytime running lights, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity with smartphone integration.

Electronic safety aids, which even just a few years ago were very expensive optional extras, are now fitted as standard by many manufacturers – Kia Included.

Hill start assist is standard across the range as is vehicle stability management while autonomous emergency braking, lane departure warning, high beam assist, driver attention alert and blind spot detection are standard in First Edition.

Also standard on this higher spec model are touch screen navigation with traffic messages, high beam assist which automatically switches the lights between dipped and full beam according to the traffic around it and the local street lighting, contrasting interior colour options, two-tone exterior paint and those delights of winter driving, heated front seats and steering wheel.

The roof, wing mirror casings and rear spoiler can be picked out in either black, lime green, red or orange – which look far better than they sound – depending on the choice of main body colour, and there are colour accents in the interior on the seats and around the lower centre console and display screen areas.

If you are in the market for a compact SUV, the Kia Stonic should be on your test drive list, at the very least.

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# Ignis and Vitara new special editions

By James Parker

Suzuki GB has announce Special Edition models of Ignis and Vitara that are now on sale. The two new models are Ignis Adventure and Vitara Kuro which makes a return to the UK range following a very successful limited production run in 2017.

Ignis Adventure is based on the SZ-T and adds a selection of the most popular and distinctive personalisation options available. SZ-T standard specification includes rear view camera, 16-inch alloy wheels, roof rails and individually sliding rear seats and Adventure adds a further specification of rear spoiler, side mouldings, front and rear skid plates, coloured front grille centre bar, side decal set and colour keyed front fog lamp bezels.

The added value of these personalisation options is £1,900 and with Adventure priced at £13,999, it represents a premium of just £1,000 over the SZ-T. A zero per cent APR PCP (Personal Contract Purchase) agreement is available at just £159 per month over 43 months. This requires a deposit of £2,216 and an optional final payment of £5,105 to keep the car.

A limited number of Adventure models are being produced and four colours are available which are Fervent Red (Solid paint) and Boost Blue Pearl, Pure White Pearl and Super Black Pearl as optional metallic colours at £465.

The Vitara Kuro makes a return to the range through customer demand and a further 1,000 units are now being produced. Based again on the 1.6-litre SZ-T 2WD manual transmission model with auto air conditioning, satellite navigation, Smartphone link audio and rear privacy glass as standard equipment, Kuro



offers a unique specification and £1,700 added customer value for a premium of just £750 over the SZ-T.

Kuro offers a very high and unique specification including 'Misti' satin black alloy wheels, Black front bumper and side body

moulding set, Black door mirrors, black rear upper spoiler, black front grille and side trims and Kanji 'Kuro' badge. For the interior, the colour design theme continues with Piano Black to dashboard, ventilation trim ring set and centre console trim. A carbon effect



centre analogue clock is also included as standard.

Kuro is available in four colours which are Superior White as a solid colour and Cosmic Black, Galactic Grey and Silky Silver as optional metallic colours available at £500.

Vitara Kuro is also available with zero per cent PCP at a monthly rate of £199, payable over 43 months, if an initial deposit of £3,390 is made with a £7,001 final optional payment required to keep the car at the end of the term.



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## MOTURING

# Kia Niro EV is leading the firm's electric car charge

By James Baggott

Kia has unveiled an electric Niro SUV and promises it'll have a range of 238 miles when it arrives early in 2019.

Currently dubbed a "concept", the car showcases the brand's new electric vehicle technology and spearheads a charge by the Korean manufacturer to bring a whole range of electrified cars to the roads.

At the CES Show in Las Vegas, Kia said it will offer 16 electrified vehicles – including hybrids, EV and fuel cell EVs – by 2025.

An executive also let slip that the refreshed Sportage, due to arrive in the summer, will be the first to offer a hybrid option.

Although billed as a concept, the Niro EV will be launched to the press later this year and go on sale in early 2019. It is fitted with a 201bhp electric powertrain with power coming from a 64kWh lithium-polymer battery pack.

The range of 238 miles could also be extended to 300 miles, hinted execs. The new Nissan Leaf, by comparison, has a range of 235 miles.

The Niro show car is fitted with an



The slick-looking gearchange



Technologically so advanced



Inside the so far concept car, is this futuristic cabin

Active Pedestrian Warning System which alerts drivers to pedestrians or cyclists crossing in front of the car.

While the looks on the outside are a departure from the existing Niro, much is likely to make it across to the production car. Inside, though, some of the clever tech might not get the green light.

A Human Machine Interface for the infotainment and heating lets drivers control it by swiping a touchpad area on the steering wheel, while the car can understand voice recognition and, if it does not identify the driver, can shut down key functions.

Kia executives also hinted at a new longer-range electric Soul

arriving soon, and said the next Cee'd – due in the summer – will have hybrid and electric options, as will the baby Stonic too.

A spokesman for Kia UK said: "Kia is aiming to be a leader in electric vehicle technology and will have 16 electrified models in the range by 2025, many of which will be arriving very soon indeed."

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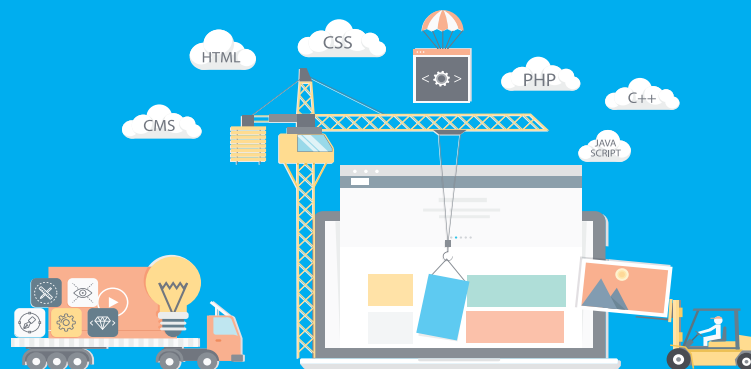
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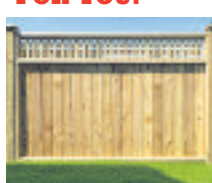
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Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour link up to enjoy a fun day out at away games



Drums help with the jovial atmosphere



Fans line up to drum up support for their beloved Wolves



Dancing girls add glamour to the celebrations

# Fans unite to create carnival atmosphere

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards

IT is fan travel, but with a difference. Punjabi Wolves Supporters and Wolves on Tour have linked up to provide a 'carnival atmosphere' on away days.

With the success of Nuno Espirito Santo's charges this season, sitting at the top of the Championship, various groups are putting on coaches to games. Tatter Travels ran its largest-ever operation for the Carabao Cup loss at Manchester City earlier this season, providing eight coaches.

But the Punjabi Wolves Supporters and Wolves on Tour partnership took a different approach. Their focus was on quality, not quantity. Andy Sahota, who helped set up Punjabi Wolves back in 2007, said: "There's 50 of us, we don't want to do quantity – we want to do quality."

### Welcome

"We want to keep the numbers low, but everybody that comes with us has a good time. We want to be like a family, at the end of the day. The people on the coach, we want to know them all. We welcome everybody."

One of the most popular Wolves supporters groups, Punjabi Wolves have made waves this season with their drum-led celebrations after games.

Wolves on Tour only started last campaign, but have gained a good following in that short time. Trips to Man City in October and Reading in November were hugely successful, as was the short journey to Birmingham.

"What we are trying to achieve is a carnival atmosphere," Sahota explained. "We want to try to create that, every game we go to. We want people from all different backgrounds to get together and have a good time."

"Going forward, that's what we are trying to do – we are trying to make it different from what other people are doing. We want

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Wolves on Tour is run by Ash Wilde. The relationship between his group and Punjabi Wolves started with the game at Nottingham Forest in September, which Nuno's men won 2-1.

Sahota added: "Our first travel was to Sunderland in 2007 and all we've wanted is people from all different backgrounds to have a good time – it doesn't matter where you are from. It's about enjoying yourself and partying."

"Ash got in touch with us and it's helped both parties, really – they've got the following, we've got the vibes and the quality. It works hand in hand."

Wilde insists Wolves on Tour came about following the buzz around a Facebook page he set up, called Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat.

On the partnership with Punjabi Wolves, he said: "It was a great combination, which started with Nottingham Forest away."

"We had been communicating since last season and I knew about the buzz, everything they bring to the away travel."

"Nottingham Forest, we were both talking and said 'let's link up and see how it goes'."

"Since then, we have done Sheffield United, Man City which was brilliant and

Reading with themed travel – a carnival atmosphere. It's just brilliant and it's about being a family and having fun. We started at the tail end of last season, in January, so we are quite new to the game but it's good fun."

"We basically started out from the Facebook page – Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat – and went on from there."

"We thought we'd have a go at the travelling, and it's good fun."

### Memorable

For Sahota and Wilde, the aim for any away match was to make it enjoyable and memorable for anybody who decides to travel with them.

And Wilde recognises that has been a lot easier to do now Wolves are playing at a very high level, as they have been for the vast majority of this term.

"When the team is playing well, everyone wants to go – there is a good vibe," he added.

"The football is the best I have seen in my lifetime – it's just unreal."

"There is a buzz about everyone, away games sell out in seconds. It's fantastic."

There are currently no further plans for Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour to work together, with both groups focusing on their own activities.

## Ghent ready to step back in at Genting

TOMMY Ghent believes the Genting Arena will be the perfect venue to get fans excited again following his four year hiatus from the sport.

The 25-year-old Coseley boxer will compete on BCB Boxing's 'Now Or Never' show on February 23 on the undercard of Frankie Gavin's bid for the IBO World Welterweight Championship against Bethuel Ushona.

'Gladiator' has been reinvigorated since returning to boxing with his brother Richie in his corner and wants to use this next fight to show why he is a title contender. He said: "Everything is going well. I am getting back into my stride again and I am looking forward to getting back in the ring."

"Having my brother around is fantastic. I am learning every day and I am being pushed to my limit which is what I want."

The show is packed full of local boxers and Ghent is delighted to be involved. "It is really exciting to be fighting in the Genting but I don't think I will be fazed by it," he said.

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## Kiwi all-rounder back for a blast with Bears

NEW ZEALAND all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme wants to go 'one step further' after rejoining Birmingham Bears for the 2018 Twenty20 Blast.

The 31-year-old helped the Bears to the final at Edgbaston last year, scoring 322 runs at a strike-rate of 170.32, as well as taking five wickets. In the final, they lost to Nottinghamshire Outlaws by 22 runs and de Grandhomme said he was hoping to go one better this time around.

"I absolutely loved my time with the Bears last season," he said. "We played some excellent T20 cricket and came very close to winning the T20 Blast on Finals Day."

"We've got a young squad with plenty of firepower, and I believe that we have every chance of going one step further in 2018. Playing in-front of a big crowd at Edgbaston with the fans in full voice is a special experience and I'm looking forward to returning to the Bears in July."

Bears' sport director Ashley Giles said: "He went on to play a huge role on our path to the final last year."





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#### FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

## Off day for Glassboys and Yeltz

STOURBRIDGE suffered another blow to their Evo-Stik Premier play-offs hopes after going down 4-2 at Grantham – their second away defeat in a week.

After a 1-0 at defeat to Ashton United in midweek, the Glassboys started on the back-foot and went behind within 23 minutes through Andrew Wright.

Tom Potts' own goal brought Stourbridge level, but eight minutes later Daniel Meadows' effort bobbled past Stourbridge keeper Matt Gould.

As half-time approached, Lee Shaw rose highest to head home a Meadows cross to give the hosts a two-goal advantage and seconds later Michael Hollingworth added a fourth.

Stourbridge had a lifeline two minutes into the second half, but Leon Broadhurst saw his penalty saved. Second-half substitute Kyle Perry did have the last word, heading home his side's second goal in the dying moments.

Halesowen Town slipped into further trouble at the bottom of the Evo-Stik Premier, losing their fourth game in a row, 2-0 at Lancaster City. Basement boys Sutton Coldfield also went to close the gap on Yeltz to four points.

Lancaster made the early running and took the lead on 17 minutes when Daniel Platt failed to deal with a free-kick from Sam Bailey and Djabi Mamadu stooped to head in at the far post. Halesowen did come back a little bit in the half after Serigne Diop replaced Kyle Morrison and Spencer Weir-Daley forced a save out of the Lancaster goalkeeper just before the break.

The visitors' pressure continued after the break as they forced a number of corners, but they couldn't find a breakthrough. Lancaster secured the points on 71 minutes when Billy Akkrigg netted after a mazy 60-yard run.

Yeltz had to play the last ten minutes a man down after Bradley Lewis went off injured, one of three casualties on the day.

## Enville unbeaten as champs lose again

ENVILLE remain the only unbeaten side in their half of the WCB Indoor League North Division.

Week 3 saw Matt Branch unbeaten on 34 as Envile reached 106-4, beating Oldswinford (63) by 43 runs.

Oldswinford lost both openers in the first two overs, then once Tom Slater and Jack Stanier were out the last pair were unable to gain any momentum.

Elsewhere, champions for the last two seasons Hagley have lost both their opening games. Chasing Pedmore's 107-4 they went down by three runs at 104-2. Dave Skelding was 27 not out for Pedmore and Paul Taylor unbeaten on 26. Mike Stead (26 no) and Joe Lennon (25 no) top scored in reply.

## Kelly's eye on FA Cup of darts slot



Mark Craddock, left, and Liam Kelly

LIAM Kelly and Mark Craddock have booked their places at the 'FA Cup of Darts' after coming through qualifiers in Wolverhampton.

Dudley's Kelly and Cannock's Craddock fought their way to the last two to get their chance at glory at the 2018 UK Open. The finals are at Butlin's Min-head from March 2-4, broadcast on ITV4 and Rileys Sports Bars

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# BLAYDON NOT AT THE RACES

Stourbridge 89 Blaydon 17  
STOURBRIDGE blitzed Blaydon by 15 tries to three in an epic encounter.

A certain symmetry was revealed between the points and minutes they were scored in; five after five, 12 after 12, 24 after 24, 48 after 48, 65 after 65 and 70 after 70.

Nigel Mukarati drove over for the first, but Blaydon soon hit back.

Almost straight from the restart, Ben Tibbetts scampered through for a try converted by Robbie Forbes. Next on the scoresheet was Mukarati again.

Three minutes later, a move between newlywed Sam Pailor and Nick David saw the young full-back break the gain line with Josh Trinham in support. A simple one-two between them gave Stour their third try, which Forbes converted. It then took seven minutes for Stour to notch up their bonus point try when in-form Nick Murphy crashed over. A penalty try for Stour followed.

#### Responded

First score of the second half went to George Morgan, Forbes adding the extras. Forbes himself scored the next.

Blaydon, down to 14, responded with tries for Joe Mongan and Matt Charlton. But Joe Wyman's conversion was their last act.

Dan Rundle ran in a brace for Stourbridge, Hal Riley scored a debut try and Rod Petty added five points. Niall Gibbons also notched a well-deserved try.

Victory earned Director of Rugby Neil Mitchell 'bragging rights' over his old club but still with work to do for hopes of promotion or play-off opportunities. Stour sit in fourth place with nine points separating the top five clubs. Huddersfield are up next for Stour.

The Lions recorded the double over Rugby Lions in wet and muddy conditions at Webb Ellis Road, with a 22-14 win.

Tries came from George Tildesley, Josh Brierley, Callum Bowden (2) and a Rhys Williams conversion. Lions host Stoke-on-Trent this weekend.

## Thomas springs into action



Kristian Thomas with Park Wrekin elite programme head coach Brett Ince

OLYMPIC hero Kristian Thomas has joined the coaching staff at Telford gymnastics club Park Wrekin.

Thomas, who was born in Wolverhampton, trained at Earls Gym, Halesowen and now lives in Cannock, was a 2015 European gold medalist and member of Team GB's bronze medal-winning London 2012 men's artistic gymnastics squad.

He joins Park Wrekin as head of the club's

recreational programme. He was guest of honour at the launch of the club's new premises in September and cut the ribbon to launch a £200,000 investment in new Olympic-quality equipment and facilities.

Christine Still, head coach at Park Wrekin and trust board member said: "We are all very excited by Kristian joining our coaching team."

Thomas said: "I am privileged to become a part of their team."

## Dwyer back in the saddle at Heathens

CONOR Dwyer is back for Cradley's National Trophy campaign, turning down a permanent third tier spot to do so.

He joins the latest teenage hotshots to have been snapped up by Heathens.

Dwyer, aged 24, enjoyed some fine performances in Heathens colours last season and was desperate to come back.

And despite Cradley's absence from the 2018 National League, Dwyer has sacrificed extra meetings of his own to represent the Heathens once again.

Co-promoter Gary Patchett said: "That sums up Conor's dedication and commitment. Even though he was offered a full team spot with another club in our group, he turned that down just so that he could ride for us in fewer meetings in the National Trophy."

The acquisition of Dwyer follows the signing of Kyle Bickley, who became the third 15-year-old in a week to sign on at Heathens. The club followed up by snapping another hot prospect.

Bickley, who turns 16 this month, joins Drew Kemp and Jason Edwards in the side along with skipper Adam Roynon. Now, another 16-year-old, Jordan Jenkins, who also rides for Mildenhall, has become the latest rising star to join Cradley's National Trophy side.

Bickley said: "It's a really good club. Friendly people, friendly management. I don't see why I can't do well. I am proud to represent the club."

Bickley will ride for his local club Workington in the Championship and Belle Vue Colts in the National League with Heathens unable to secure enough dates for a full season.

Jenkins said: "Cradley is a great club and I'm looking forward to it."

Boss Will Pottinger said: "The team is coming together very nicely."

## Wrestling action is back at the Cornbow

WRESTLING returns to the Cornbow Hall in Halesowen this weekend.

Presented by Alternative Wrestling World, the first bell will sound on the Back to the Future event at 6.30pm on Saturday.

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Purchase Fee	£10.00
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Total Amount Payable	£22,594.04

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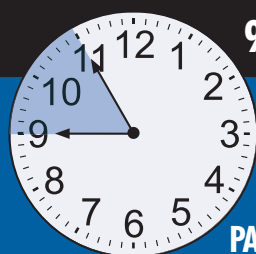
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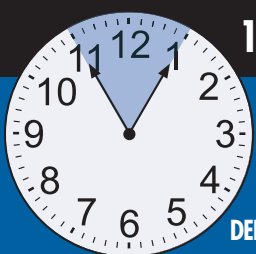
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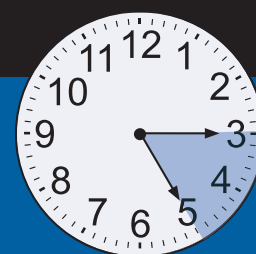
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16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ST-LINE 5DR, DEEP IMPACT BLUE, 14,574 MILES.....	£12,500
16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ST-LINE 3DR, RACE RED, 12,877 MILES .....	£12,500
16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST ST-LINE 5DR, MOONDUST SILVER, 5,631 MILES .....	£12,500
17/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 ST-LINE 5DR, RED, 6,135 MILES.....	£12,000
16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ZETEC 3DR, BLUE, 8,949 MILES.....	£12,000
16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 ST-LINE 5DR, BLACK, 13,121 MILES .....	£12,000
16/16 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST ZETEC POWERSHIFT AUTO, 5DR, GREY, 6,020 MILES .....	£11,500
16/65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST TITANIUM POWERSHIFT AUTO 5DR, GREY, 9,739 MILES .....	£11,500
16/16 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ZETEC S 3DR, RACE RED, 19,277 MILES .....	£11,000
16/16 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ZETEC S 3DR, RACE RED, 17,550 MILES .....	£11,000
16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST ZETEC 5DR, CANDY BLUE, 7,000 MILES .....	£10,700
15/65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 ZETEC S 3DR, FROZEN WHITE, 12,077 MILES, ZERO ROAD TAX .....	£10,500
15/15 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ZETEC S 3DR, RACE RED, 22,675 MILES .....	£10,500
15/65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 ZETEC S 3DR, RED, 14,055 MILES.....	£10,500
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16/16 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 ZETEC S 3DR, BLUE, 10,321 MILES .....	£10,000
15/15 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 140 ZETEC S 3DR, RACE RED, 25,428 MILES .....	£10,000
15/65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST ZETEC 5DR, FROZEN WHITE, 19,329 MILES.....	£9,500
14/14 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ZETEC S 3DR, RED, 20,454 MILES.....	£9,500
14/14 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST ZETEC POWERSHIFT AUTO 5DR, FROZEN WHITE, 25,499 MILES.....	£9,500
17/17 FIAT 500 1.2 LOUNGE 3DR, PASODOBLE RED, 6,071 MILES.....	£9,000
15/15 RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE MEDIA NAV ENERGY 5DR, DIAMOND BLACK, 10,110 MILES.....	£9,000
15/65 SUZUKI SWIFT 1.6 SPORT 3DR, COOL WHITE, 21,127 MILES.....	£9,000
16/16 FIAT 500 1.2 LOUNGE 3DR, WHITE, 7,129 MILES .....	£8,500
14/64 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 TITANIUM 5DR, BLUE, 40,104 MILES.....	£8,500
15/65 FORD FIESTA 1.25 82 ZETEC 5DR, FROZEN WHITE, 10,195 MILES .....	£8,499
15/15 VOLKSWAGEN UP! 1.0 STREET UP 5DR, DEEP BLACK, 11,822 MILES.....	£8,000
13/13 FORD B-MAX 1.0 ECOBOOST 120 TITANIUM 5DR MPV, SILVER, 50,832 MILES .....	£7,500
15/15 FORD KA 1.2 TITANIUM 3DR, BLACK, 10,392 MILES .....	£7,000
13/13 FORD FIESTA 1.25 82 ZETEC 5DR, MOONDUST SILVER, 46,244 MILES .....	£7,000
11/61 MINI HATCHBACK 1.6 ONE PIMILICO, 3DR, LASER BLUE, 43,096 MILES .....	£7,000
15/15 FORD KA 1.2 TITANIUM 3DR, MOONLIGHT, 28,164 MILES.....	£6,500
12/62 FORD FIESTA 125 ZETEC 5DR, BLUE, 35,161 MILES.....	£6,500
14/14 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SE 5DR, SILVER, 40,384 MILES.....	£6,000
13/13 FORD KA 1.2 ZETEC 3DR, MIDNIGHT, 19,049 MILES.....	£6,000

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12/12 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXi 5DR, GREY, 30,405 MILES .....	£6,000
11/11 FORD FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 5DR, SQUEEZE, 56,144 MILES .....	£6,000
10/10 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6i 16V EXCLUSIV 5DR, BLUE, 40,623 MILES .....	£6,000

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15/15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi TITANIUM 5DR, WHITE, 30,455 MILES.....	£14,000
16/66 FORD FOCUS 1.0 125 ECOBOOST ZETEC S 5DR, FROZEN WHITE, 6,756 MILES.....	£13,500
14/64 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi 115 TITANIUM NAVIGATOR 5DR, BLUE, 26,535 MILES.....	£10,499
14/64 FORD FOCUS 1.0 15 ECOBOOST TITANIUM NAVIGATOR 5DR, RED, 30,340 MILES.....	£10,000
14/64 FORD MONDEO 1.6 TDCi ECO ZETEC BUSINESS EDITION 5DR, GREY, 48,384 MILES.....	£8,500

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17/17 FORD FOCUS 2.0T ECOBOOST ST-3 5DR, STEALTH GREY, 1,145 MILES .....	£23,000
16/16 FORD FOCUS 2.0T ECOBOOST ST-3 5DR, SHADOW BLACK, 15,349 MILES.....	£19,000
17/66 FORD FIESTA 1.6 ECOBOOST ST-200 3DR, GREY, 9,343 MILES.....	£16,500
14/64 FORD FOCUS 2.0T ST-3 5DR, BLUE, TOP SPEC, 23,965 MILES.....	£15,500
16/66 FORD FIESTA 1.6 ECOBOOST ST-3 3DR, SPIRIT BLUE, 13,005 MILES.....	£14,000
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16/66 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.6T VXR 3DR, BRILLIANT LAVA RED, 21,746 MILES.....	£13,000
15/65 FORD FIESTA 1.6 ECOBOOST ST-3 3DR, SPIRIT BLUE, 15,824 MILES .....	£12,799
14/14 MAZDA MX-5 1.8i SPORT VENTURE EDITION, 2DR CONVERTIBLE, GREY, 20,972 MILES .....	£12,000
14/14 MAZDA MX-5 1.8i SE 2 DOOR COUPE, DOLPHIN GREY, 19,535 MILES.....	£12,000
14/14 FORD C-MAX 1.6 TDCi ZETEC 5DR, BLUE, 21,990 MILES, £30 ROAD TAX.....	£9,000

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17/66 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi TITANIUM 5DR, SILVER, 8,039 MILES.....	£21,000
15/65 HONDA HR-V 1.6 I-DTEC EX 5DR, GREY, 34,039 MILES.....	£16,500
15/15 JEEP RENEGADE 1.4 MULTIAIR LONGITUDE 5DR, SOLAR YELLOW, 15,173 MILES .....	£11,500
12/12 TOYOTA RAV 4 2.2 D-CAT SR AUTO 5DR, BLUE, 62,504 MILES .....	£11,000
14/64 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.6i SE 5DR, BORACAY BLUE, 22,941 MILES.....	£10,699
15/64 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 ECOBOOST TITANIUM 5DR, PANTHER BLACK, 34,155 MILES.....	£10,000
15/64 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.6i EXCLUSIV 5DR, WHITE, 23,350 MILES.....	£9,500
14/64 SUZUKI JIMNY 1.3 VVT SZ4 3DR, PEARL WHITE, 30,092 MILES .....	£9,500

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14/14 AUDI TT 1.0T FSI QUATTRO BLACK EDITION S TRONIC 2 DOOR COUPE, WHITE, 36,619 MILES .....	£18,500
14/63 MERCEDES-BENZ E CLASS E220 CDI SE 7G-TRONIC AUTO 4DR, GREY, 22,410 MILES .....	£17,000
15/65 MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C200K SE AUTO 4DR, CALCITE WHITE, 45,691 MILES.....	£16,500
14/64 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A200 CDI SPORT 5DR, JUPITER RED, 20,674 MILES.....	£15,000
12/62 AUDI TT 1.8T FSI SLINE 2 DOOR COUPE, WHITE, 34,073 MILES .....	£14,000
13/63 MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C220 CDI BLUE EFFICIENCY EXECUTIVE SE AUTO, 4DR, SILVER, 41,155 MILES .....	£12,699
13/63 MERCEDES-BENZ B CLASS B18 CDI SE 5DR, POLAR SILVER, 30,374 MILES .....	£11,000

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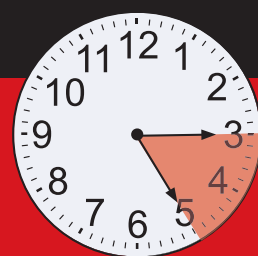
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17 17 ADAM S 1.4T 150PS I'LL BE BLACK/WHITE ROOF DELIVERY MILES .....	<b>£13,995</b>
17 17 VIVA SE 1.0 A/C 5DR SPARKLING BLUE 960 MILES ONLY .....	<b>£8,295</b>
12 62 CORSA SXI 1.2 5DR CARBON FLASH 32,000 MILES .....	<b>£5,495</b>
12 12 CORSA SE 1.4 5DR SILVER LIGHTNING 28,000 MILES .....	<b>£6,295</b>
13 63 CORSA LIMITED 1.2 5DR FLAME RED 20,100 MILES .....	<b>£6,995</b>
14 14 CORSA LIMITED 1.2 3DR FLAME RED 20,200 MILES .....	<b>£7,295</b>
15 15 CORSA STING 1.0T 3DR OLYMPIC WHITE 23,000 MILES .....	<b>£7,495</b>
15 15 CORSA SE 1.2 5DR SOVEREIGN SILVER 36,500 MILES .....	<b>£7,495</b>
17 17 CORSA STING 1.4 3DR FLAME RED DELIVERY MILES ONLY .....	<b>£7,895</b>
14 64 CORSA EXCITE 1.4 5DR WATERWORLD BLUE 15,000 MILES .....	<b>£7,995</b>
15 15 CORSA SE 1.4 5DR SATIN STEEL GREY 35,700 MILES .....	<b>£8,295</b>
15 15 CORSA SE 1.4 AUTOMATIC 5DR FLAME RED 17,500 MILES .....	<b>£9,895</b>
16 65 CORSA SE 1.4 5DR SOVEREIGN SILVER 2,300 MILES .....	<b>£9,995</b>
16 16 CORSA LIMITED EDITION 1.4 3DR CARBON FLASH 7,600 MILES .....	<b>£8,695</b>
16 16 CORSA VXR 1.6T SATIN STEEL GREY 6,000 MILES (PERFORMANCE PACK) .....	<b>£13,295</b>
13 63 ASTRA ENERGY 1.6 5DR ASTEROID GREY 40,650 MILES .....	<b>£6,995</b>
13 63 ASTRA ENERGY 1.7CDTI SILVER LIGHTNING 55,600 MILES .....	<b>£6,995</b>
14 14 ASTRA ENERGY 1.4 5DR ASTEROID GREY 22,000 MILES .....	<b>£7,495</b>
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14 64 ZAFIRA SRI 1.4T 5DR CARBON FLASH 27,000 MILES .....	<b>£9,995</b>
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14 64 MOKKA SE 1.6 5DR DEEP ESPRESSO 34,000 MILES .....	<b>£9,350</b>
14 14 MOKKA TECHLINE 1.7CDTI 5DR 19,000 MILES .....	<b>£10,000</b>
14 64 MOKKA EXCLUSIV 1.6 5DR CARBON FLASH 19,000 MILES .....	<b>£9,750</b>
14 64 MOKKA SE 1.6 5DR BORACAY BLUE 10,600 MILES .....	<b>£10,000</b>
15 65 MOKKA EXCLUSIV 1.6 5DR OLYMPIC WHITE 9,000 MILES .....	<b>£10,895</b>
15 65 MOKKA EXCLUSIV 1.6CDTI CARBON FLASH 11,500 MILES .....	<b>£11,000</b>
15 15 MOKKA LIMITED EDITION 1.6CDTI OLYMPIC WHITE 16,000 MILES .....	<b>£11,995</b>
17 17 MOKKA X ACTIVE 1.4T AUTOMATIC OLYMPIC WHITE 17,800 MILES .....	<b>£13,995</b>
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17 17 MOKKA X ACTIVE 1.4T AUTOMATIC OLYMPIC WHITE 10,100 MILES .....	<b>£14,295</b>
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47 Monthly Payments of	£249.98	Total Amount Payable	£23,091.06
Customer Deposit CASH OR P/X	£999.00	Annual Mileage	6,000 p.a.
Finance Deposit Allowance	£1,200.00	Personal Contract Plan	
Amount of Credit	£18,589.00		
Interest	£2,303.06		
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On the Road Price	£17,235.00	Optional Final Payment	£6,902.00
47 Monthly Payments of	£239.55	Total Amount Payable	£19,159.85
Customer Deposit CASH OR P/X	£999.00	Annual Mileage	6,000 p.a.
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Interest	£1,924.85		
Cost of Credit	£1924.85		

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On the Road Price	£20,150.00	Optional Final Payment	£6,783.00
47 Monthly Payments of	£239.92	Total Amount Payable	£22,058.24
Customer Deposit	£999.00	Annual Mileage	6,000 p.a.
Finance Deposit Allowance	£3,000.00	Personal Contract Plan	
Amount of Credit	£16,151.00		
Interest	£1,908.24		
Cost of Credit	£1,908.24		

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